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EMOTIONAL pleas from residents, traders – and even councillors – paid off this week when contentious plans to bring car parking charges to Ely were put on hold.

East Cambridgeshire District Council's development and transport sub-committee, chaired by authority leader Peter Moakes, met on Tuesday and was due to approve car parking charges plans.

But tears from councillors, pleas from the Ely Traders' Association (ETA) and anger from frustrated residents led to the decision being deferred – sparking cheers from a packed public gallery.

Conservative Cllr Elaine Griffin-Singh, who represents Ely North, who was the first to get emotional.

Speaking from the public gallery and wiping away the tears, she said: "Many people are not totally against parking charges – it is purely down to a lack of trust in their local council.

"They are worried that as soon as these charges are implemented this council will increase the costs and allow them to spiral out of control.

"I believe that this is an issue which should be being dealt with by the City of Ely Council, who have a much better understanding of Ely, which is what these proposals mainly affect."

Conservative Cllr Mike Rouse, who also

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Appliance of science for pupils

Close look: Highfield School pupils Bradley Boggie and Connor Pike.

Picture: Keith Heppell 809794.

YOUNG science boffins were in their element examining the moon and experimenting with Bunsen burners.

Hundreds of budding astronomers and doctors from across the Ely area flocked to Ely College on Tuesday when it was once again the hub for the University of Cambridge's Science Festival schools roadshow.

The event, which is part of the university's science festival throughout March, is aimed at encouraging more primary school children to enjoy the sciences.

Dr Margaret Penston, from the Institute of Astronomy, was on hand to help pupils explore the moon and youngsters were able to handle meteorites from outer space.

See *www.cam.ac.uk/sciencefestival*.

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Tributes paid to 'kind and caring' Gillian after crash tragedy

TRIBUTES have been paid to a "kind and caring" woman who died following a car crash.

Gillian Read, 71, was being driven to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, by her husband, Graham, 72, for an appointment when their silver Peugeot 206 was involved in a collision on the A142 at Witcham Toll on Tuesday, February 14.

The couple, who had been married for 39 years and lived at The Green, Wardy Hill, both suffered serious injuries in the accident and were taken to Addenbrooke's by ambulance.

But Mrs Read died as a result of her injuries on February 23.

Mr Read is still in hospital being treated for his injuries and is not expected to be discharged for some time.

Friends of Mrs Read, who had terminal bone cancer and was treasurer of the City of Ely Flower Club, say the couple had one son, who died in his 20s.

Mrs Read was a retired botanist, a gardening fanatic and had lived in Wardy Hill for 25 years.

Grace Bent, chairman of the flower club, said: "We are all devastated by Gill's death.

"She has been a club member for many years and treasurer for the past eight.

"Graham was taking her to an appointment at Addenbrooke's when they crashed. Gill had terminal cancer.

"She was ever such a petite woman but she was a real fighter. She wasn't given long to live when she was diagnosed with the cancer but she fought through it.

"It's just so sad. They were in the process of moving house from Wardy Hill to Mepal when it happened.

"Graham is still in hospital with some horrendous injuries and won't be out until eight weeks' time. It's devastating for him."

Another friend, Susan Piper, said: "I'd known Gill for around 10 years. She was a rather quiet lady. She was so kind and caring and will be greatly missed.

"What's happened is devastating for us all, but in particular her husband."

An inquest into Mrs Read's death has since been opened.

The collision involved a white Toyota Hiace van.

Police are urging anyone who witnessed the crash or anyone with any information to contact them on 101.

Brothel raid: two arrested

Drama: police raid the property in St Mary's Street, Ely.

Picture: Keith Heppell 808757.

THE principal of the King's School Ely has spoken out after a brothel was found in a property beside students' boarding accommodation.

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Sue Freestone, head of King's, one of the country's oldest independent schools, said she had heard "unconfirmed rumours" that an oriental brothel was being run in St Mary's Street, Ely.

The rumours were confirmed last Thursday when officers swooped on the property just after 5pm and found two oriental women inside.

Both women, aged 50 and 43, were arrested at the scene and have been cautioned for managing a brothel used for prostitution.

Both of them are now being detained by the UK Border Agency and will be deported to China, it has been confirmed.

The raid, which the *Weekly News* attended, was organised after officers received intelligence from numerous members of the public.

Mrs Freestone said: "I am relieved that this has now been dealt with.

"The school had heard unconfirmed rumours that an oriental brothel was being run there and we told the police.

"I would like to make it clear that although this property was beside boarding accommodation, it had no impact on the girls whatsoever."

The property, a two-bedroom, two-storey house, is between King's boarding accommodation and Pet Doctors veterinary surgery.

A resident living opposite the house, who watched the drama unfold, said: "I couldn't believe it when I saw all the police officers running up to the door. I saw them bash it in.

"I'm not a nosy person so don't tend to watch out of my window too much but I've never noticed anything dodgy about the place.

"St Mary's Street is busy so there are always people walking by."

Insp Paul Ormerod, who helped co-ordinate the raid, said: "We carried out the warrant following concerns from residents that the house was being used for prostitution.

"Two women were arrested at the address and have since been cautioned for running a brothel.

"Such criminality can have a knock-on negative effect in the community and we will act quickly to tackle any such criminal activity to keep Ely a safe place for people to live and visit."

It is the second brothel to be discovered in Ely in just eight months.

In June last year, a brothel was discovered in a flat in Burgundy Walk, off The Vineyards, Ely.

The brothel was being run by Chinese nationals and was raided as part of a major UK Border Agency operation.

Tears and cheers as parking charges shelved in dramatic meeting

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represents Ely North and was vice-chairman of the committee meeting, proposed that the decision was deferred.

Holding back the tears, he said: "The proposals we have before us are not a complete package.

"The issue of parking charges is causing me so much concern – more so than any issue I can ever remember during my time as a councillor.

"I must be true to the people I represent and we need to have greater engagement with people and organisations in this district who have all voiced huge concerns."

The recommendation to defer the decision was seconded by Liberal Democrat Cllr Sheila Friend-Smith, who alongside her party members, has insisted that now is not the right time to introduce charges due to the economic climate.

For months, the ETA, residents and Lib Dems have been campaigning against the charges, insisting they will kill off Ely's city centre and encourage people to visit out-of-town supermarkets and businesses, where parking is free.

The committee heard how 12,000 people had signed a petition gathered by the ETA against the cuts – and that 406 people had taken part in the council's own consultation, of which more than three-quarters were against the plans.

At the meeting, councillors were expected to approve the introduction of a pre-pay annual permit scheme costing £20 per year or £50 for three years and the introduction of a fixed daily pay-and-display £1 charge per day for short-term parking and £2 charge per day for long-term parking.

The proposed scheme also included charging people £5 if they registered to change their vehicle.

Confirming the decision to defer the decision, John Hill, the council's chief executive, said: "In recognition of public concern and the petition, members in the development and transport sub-committee decided to defer a decision regarding on and off-street car parking for further consultation with Cambridgeshire County Council and the City of Ely Council.

"Should there be changes made to the proposals these will again be presented to the public for consultation."

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Festival brings poetry to all

A POETRY festival is being held in Ely this month to encourage residents of all ages to be more creative with prose.

The festival, entitled *River Rhymes*, is the first of its kind and is running from Thursday, March 15 to Sunday, March 18.

Venues across Ely, including Ely Library, Ely Cathedral, schools and numerous pubs, are holding events to show poetry is for people from all walks of life.

Caoimhin O Coileain, one of the organisers, said: "The festival's aim is to show the public how poetry is for everyone and not just the arts-inclined or the academics.

"With gothic horror, sci-fi, steam-punk, children's workshops, comedy and music as well as St Patrick's Day and Mother's Day events and more, there is a busy packed weekend for everyone."

See *www.riverrhymes.co.uk* or email *poetry@riverrhymes.co.uk*.

Chambers' move

CAMBRIDGESHIRE Chambers of Commerce have a new venue for their monthly networking in Ely.

Businesses can now meet on an informal basis at The Lamb Hotel in Lynn Road on the second Monday of the month from 5pm-7pm.

The chambers' informal events give businesses the chance to meet potential new clients, promote their business and raise their profile.

The first event at the new venue will take place on March 12.

Visit *www.cambridgeshirechamber.co.uk* for more information.

Gorilla in our midst: the statue before it was removed on Tuesday. Picture: Keith Heppell 808831.

Metal gorilla is dumped on footpath

RESIDENTS went ape after a giant metal gorilla was dumped in their village.

Dog walkers were left "flabbergasted" after stumbling across the enormous statue on a footpath off Sutton Road, Witchford.

The 12ft mechanical beast was first spotted on Thursday morning and it is believed it was dumped overnight on Wednesday.

Fiona North, of Main Street, Witchford, said: "I was walking my dogs along the track, as I do most mornings, when I saw it through the hedge.

"It really frightened me as it's so huge and it just took me by complete surprise. The dogs were terrified of it. As I got closer I realised it was a gigantic metal gorilla.

"They must have had a large vehicle to carry it. It's certainly not what you expect to see on your morning walk."

East Cambridgeshire District Council's waste team eventually removed the statue on Tuesday and police are urging anyone with information about how it got there to contact them.

Mark Mehaffey, the council's enforcement officer, said: "In all our years of investigating cases of fly-tipping, none of us have ever come across a 12ft metal gorilla.

"Flytipping is something we take very seriously and there are fines of up to £50,000 and five years' imprisonment for anyone who is caught dumping waste illegally."

Call police on 101 or the council on (01353) 665555 with any information.

Supervision for boy found guilty of sex assaults

A TEENAGE boy who was found guilty of sexually assaulting teenage girls has walked free.

Cambridge Youth Court heard the 17-year-old touched girls aged 14 and 15 under their clothes and forced himself on one of them.

The teenager, who is from Ely and cannot be named, was found guilty of four counts of sexual assault.

Three took place in Fordham on May 13 and 14 and the other, which the prosecution said was the "most serious", on June 6, 2010.

Philip Alcock, prosecuting, said one of the victims, who was known to the offender, was lying on a bed when he tried to kiss her before touching her inappropriately, despite her saying no.

On another occasion, he tried to kiss a girl, touched her and sent her a text message saying he loved her.

Another incident with the same girl happened about one year prior.

In mitigation, Melanie Benn said: "The most serious physical contact is under clothing, but over a bra.

"He is well thought of, he went out and found employment and he has positive aspirations and goals."

The teenager received a 12-month youth referral order with supervision and a programme requirement. He was also ordered to pay £200 costs.

Cinema company 'keen on city site'

A CINEMA could be on its way to Ely.

A "major cinema company" is keen to come to the city and is in talks with councillors at East Cambridgeshire District Council.

It is not known which large firm it is or where exactly it is interested in building – but it is believed Angel Drove will be the most likely site.

Conservative Cllr Tom Hunt, who represents Ely South ward, has confirmed he is in talks with the company and describes it as "exciting" news.

Speaking to the *Weekly News*, Cllr Hunt, who became the authority's youngest ever councillor when he was elected last year, said: "A major cinema company is interested in coming to Ely.

"For a long time now, people have been saying that Ely isn't big enough for a firm like this to be interested, but it seems they now are and I am in talks with them.

"I think there are certainly some positive developments to come in the near future."

Cllr Hunt said he is unable to name the interested company at this stage – but said he thinks a cinema is a good idea for Ely.

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He said: "Personally, I don't think it is right that parents should have to take their children to the cinema in Cambridge or Bury St Edmunds at the weekend.

"I think a new cinema would be a good idea for Ely and has the potential to make a lot of people happy."

Arts Development in East Cambridgeshire (ADeC) currently runs an 'Ely Cinema' programme at The Maltings, in Waterside, on Thursdays and Sundays.

But Cllr Hunt insists that is not enough to cater for Ely's population and in particular young people.

He said: "The Maltings serves a purpose and will also be a key asset with regards to its cultural activity, but we need a fully-functioning cinema which shows all the latest movies, all the time.

"My view is that if there is a possibility of getting one, we should grab it with both hands."

Peter Moakes, leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "Aspirations of the Ely Masterplan saw the need to develop leisure facilities for all ages and abilities.

"Part of this was to bring in things like a cinema and we continue towards this goal, and many others, so that Ely is a great place to live, work and enjoy."

ADeC is also welcoming the plans.

Caroline Cawley, the organisation's marketing manager, said: "We've put the community at the heart of what ADeC provides in terms of our live events programme and at Ely Cinema, which we took over in 2005 and have built it into a vibrant and successful community cinema based in The Maltings.

"Our monthly programme aims to offer something for the whole community with a wide range of films from mainstream family films and Hollywood blockbusters to arthouse and foreign language films.

"Over the next few months we'll also be introducing live streaming of national theatre, ballet, opera and music gigs.

"We'd welcome a chance to talk to Tom Hunt about extending the opportunities for young people and the potential for a community venue which could be a vibrant cultural asset at the heart of social and cultural life for the whole district."

Murder payment inquiry

AN inquiry has been launched amid claims relatives of Cambridgeshire police officers were paid for information about the murders of Soham schoolgirls Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman.

Deputy Chief Constable John Feavyour of Cambridgeshire Constabulary is writing to MP Tom Watson after claims a national tabloid reporter boasted about having the officers' families on the payroll.

The MP said a Metropolitan Police officer overheard the reporter make the claims in a bar in 2002.

Mr Feavyour said he was not aware of the allegations but added: "I will now write to MP Tom Watson to ask that he provides me with all of the details in his possession in order that I can carry out an inquiry accordingly."

Bungalow bid sparks fears

PROPERTIES could experience "possible subsidence" if a bungalow is built in Ely, councillors fear.

The City of Ely Council is worried about plans to build a three-bedroom bungalow in The Vineyards, Ely.

Plans to build the property on land north-east of number 24 were submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council in early February.

In a statement, the city council said: "We have no concerns regarding the building but members were very concerned about the footage and groundwork that would be undertaken to build this bungalow.

"This could have an effect on neighbouring properties and could even cause possible subsidence to them.

"The developers must ensure that the method statement for the foundations is very thorough and sets out how they will do these."

The final decision lies with the district council.

To have your say, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*.

FIFA frenzy in college lunchtimes

Fastest finger first: front from left, teacher Richard Pearce, students Mark Palmer and Matt Morton and teacher Adam Roberts at Soham Village College.

Picture: Richard Patterson 809546.

LUNCH breaks have become more fun for football-loving students and teachers at Soham Village College.

Pupils and their tutors are taking part in a massive FIFA 12 competition to celebrate the upcoming Euro 2012 football championships.

Players are taking part in the computer game contest, which will see them playing almost 80 games in order to find the school's best two FIFA 12 performers.

The contest will also be raising money for the college's prom this summer.

A school spokeswoman said: "The games are played at lunchtimes and are currently drawing crowds of up to 100 students a day, giving the competitors a truly unique experience of playing in front of a live audience.

"I think it's great to give the students something exciting to do at lunchtimes – these are the kind of memories they'll be talking about for years."

The final will be played in April once the qualifiers, group games and knock-out stages have been played.

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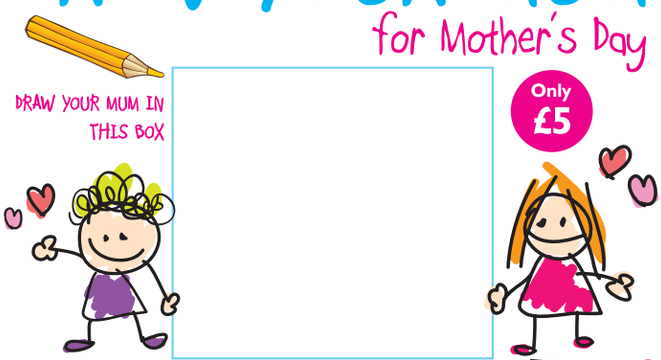

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Shops and flat vision for land

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TWO shops could be built on a parcel of land which backs onto the grounds of Ely Cathedral.

In January, workmen moved onto the site in Three Cups Walk, which borders the grounds of The Almonry, and started to clear it.

The area has been overgrown and vacant for some time and as reported in the *Weekly News*, residents have been calling for it to be tidied up for some time.

Now architect Tony Walton has applied for planning permission to build two shops on the land – with a flat above the units.

The plans have been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council and mention the shops being either A1, A2 or A3 use, meaning they could be occupied from anything from a post office to a hairdressers to a cafe.

In a statement, Mr Walton said: "The proposed development is to provide two shop units, each of approximately 66 sq m, with a two-bedroom flat over.

"The existing 1.8m high brick boundary wall along Three Cups Walk will be partially demolished to allow a landscaped area, behind metal railings, in front of the shop units. The wall will be retained in the area of the private garden for the flat that will access it via the rear balcony."

The proposed flat would be at first floor level and would be accessed via a lift.

Mr Walton said: "Care has been taken in the design to maximize the benefits of the site to the occupants and users and to enhance and improve the currently redundant site in a prominent city centre position."

The district council could make a decision on the proposals within the next eight weeks. To have your say, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*.

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River link will create 'new Norfolk Broads'

Route to join city to others

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THE River Great Ouse could be transformed into a Norfolk Broads-style attraction as part of a major new waterways project.

The Great Ouse currently links Ely to Huntingdon and St Ives to the south, and Upwell, March, Whittlesey and Peterborough to the north.

But as part of a multi-million pound Environment Agency (EA) project called the Fens Waterways Link, two further routes will be established between Chatteris and St Ives.

There will also be a further connection to Market Deeping, creating a more direct route to Spalding, Boston and Lincoln.

It is hoped that by connecting Ely to other cathedral cities of Peterborough and Lincoln, it will turn the area into something similar to the Norfolk Broads, attracting thousands of holiday-makers every year.

A spokeswoman for the EA said: "The Fens Waterways Link promises to be one of the most significant waterway developments in recent years.

"It will be sympathetic to the character and history of the Fens, to intricately link with its water environment and promote a better quality of life.

"The link will connect the cathedral cities of Lincoln, Peterborough and Ely and also incorporate the market towns of Boston, Spalding, Crowland and Ramsey.

"In association with other waterway regeneration schemes, the link will create a new circular waterway for recreation, tourism and environment, through the Fens."

Ely's mayor John Yates believes the scheme will boost tourism in Ely and make the city's Riverside area a desirable waterside location.

Cllr Yates said: "This is a project which everyone should be quite excited about.

"Ely's Riverside area is a beautiful place and is a big hit with tourists – but anything that will boost it we should certainly welcome.

"This new link ties in well with the city council's plans to preserve and enhance the city's Waterside and Riverside area and I look forward to seeing the work progress."

The project is part funded by the European Union's Regional Redevelopment Fund.

The City of Ely Council is in talks with East Cambridgeshire District Council about setting up a trust to manage Ely's Waterside and Riverside area.

The discussions have been ongoing for some time but Cllr Yates insists progress is being made.

He said: "The city council believes setting up a trust would not only attract more funding to this unique area of Ely but also resolve issues and better manage it.

"If established, the trust would also work hard to preserve and enhance the area for the benefit of residents and visitors."

Thank you, your majesty!

Thank you: adding their names to the letter are Highfields School pupils, back, Callum Williams, left, and Peter Myhill and seated, Bethany Lythell. Picture: Keith Heppell 809797.

VISITORS to Ely Cathedral are being given the chance to sign a thank-you letter to Her Majesty The Queen.

The cathedral is taking part in the production of the 'Big Thank You Letter' to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The letter is a national incentive involving cathedrals and churches across the country to thank the Queen for her faith, dedication to duty and commitment to service during the past 60 years.

The letter will be under the cathedral's West Tower throughout March and April and people of all ages are able to sign it.

It will then be bound together and sent to Buckingham Palace in time for the jubilee weekend in June.

College gardens are subject of talk

THE gardens of Cambridge's beautiful colleges will be the subject of this week's Fenland History on Friday talk in Ely. Rodney Tibbs will be hosting the talk at Ely Library tomorrow from 10.30am-noon.

Entry is £2.50 on the door for non-members and all are welcome. Call Mike Petty on (01353) 648106 for more information.

Pool all set for big swimathon

PARADISE swimming pool in Ely is taking part in the big 'Swimathon Weekend' this year to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care and Sport Relief.

The major fundraiser will be held on the weekend of April 27-29 and will enable thousands of swimmers nationwide to take to the water to support the charities.

To take part or for more information, phone (01353) 665481.

Event raises £900 for pre-school

A PAMPER and shopping evening has raised £900 for a pre-school in Ely.

Parents and staff at the Lantern Goslings Pre-school held the fundraising event last Friday. Revellers were able to enjoy a variety of treatments and browse dozens of stalls, while there was also an auction.

Donna Willimott, one of the organisers, said: "It was a fantastic evening and we'd like to thank everyone for their support. "We raised £900 for the pre-school."

Ernie entertains at over-60s club

ENTERTAINER Ernie Cage will appear at the Littleport Over-60s Club's meeting tomorrow.

The meeting will be held at the village hall, in Main Street, from 2pm-4pm.

The club meets fortnightly and is open to all residents aged 61 and over.

Crew called to deal with bin fire

FIREFIGHTERS were called to a bin fire behind the Thing Me Bobs shop in Ely's Market Street.

The blaze happened at 5.45pm last Thursday. It was found to have started accidentally.

District drivers forced to pay an extra 5p for litre of diesel

MOTORISTS in East Cambridgeshire are being forced to pay almost 5p more than average for a litre of diesel, figures show.

Data released by the Countryside Alliance shows that the price of a litre of diesel is much higher at filling stations in rural areas than in urban areas.

The organisation is urging the Chancellor to tackle the rising cost of fuel in the Budget.

The research shows that in rural areas, the average diesel price is 144p per litre. In urban areas, it is 140p.

The average price in East Cambridgeshire is 144.9p – almost 5p more than the likes of Dartford and Bradford.

Barney White-Spunner, executive chairman of the Countryside Alliance, said: "Not only do people living in rural areas have to drive further to go to work, further to access essential services like schools, doctors and the supermarket but they have to pay a lot more for their diesel to do so.

"The cost of fuel is a major concern for everyone who lives in the countryside, and cars are fast becoming an unaffordable necessity for many rural families. We urge the Chancellor to help the rural economy get back on its feet and to cut fuel duty in his forthcoming Budget."

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Boat sailed in last decade

Sir, whatever was decided about charging for parking in Ely city centre at the development and transport committee of East Cambs District Council on Tuesday, chaired by our council leader Peter Moakes, he was made aware the day before that a letter had gone out on Monday to our MP, James Paice, to Eric Pickles MP, Minister for Communities and Local Government, and to Mary Portas, appointed last year to look into the viability of our shopping centres and High Streets round the country. She criticised some of Ely's councillors before Christmas 2011 for failing to consult properly with its local traders.

The letter made clear that although the Ely Traders Association had raised a public petition of over 12,000 names, a figure whittled down to just over 8,000 by the council's executive after excluding names given without addresses and people they did not consider 'local' because they lived outside the city or were tourists (does their opinion not carry any weight? They might be shopping in our town centre on their visits); and although the council's own consultation – the yellow four-sided paper which few of us found and, on the council's own admission, only raised a response from 406 people, the sub-committee was likely to pursue the Conservative policy here of bringing in charges for city centre car parking.

They make it sound inevitable by saying that the previous Conservative-led council had always planned to do this anyway, so the present administration is simply getting on with it!

They forget (if they ever realised it) that the world, this country and this city have all changed drastically in the last four years.

The idea of charging for motorists to park near their town centres was popular several years ago, and parking fees charged by councils rose, on average 40 per cent between 2000 and 2007.

But Eric Pickles wrote on August 1st 2011 in *The Daily Telegraph* : "Parking fees will be reduced and more spaces for motorists provided in town centres, under a plan to end 'Labour's war on the motorist'." That same article quotes Edmund King, president of the AA , that a 20p increase in parking charges in Edinburgh had prompted a big drop in people visiting shops.

So while we need to be vigilant about where and for how long people park in a small city like Ely, the idea of bringing in parking fees now is disastrous. Petrol is at his highest price ever, shops in most town centres are struggling to retain customers in a recession, in competition with the Internet, as well as with high business rates, and we have large free car parks now on the edge of our city centre.

What is more, a very large number of our citizens are strongly opposed to it and have made their wishes very clear.

Just listen and respond, councillors. You are trying, too late to embark on a boat which last sailed in the the mid-Noughties and is now well over the horizon.

Gillian Turberfield
Barton Mews
Ely

Collision course: the debate continues to rage over plans to introduce charges at Ely's car parks.

You win some, you lose some

Sir, it is good to see East Cambridgeshire District Council standing its ground on car parking charges, and Mr Olley jumping up and down like a spoilt schoolboy just because he cannot get his own way.
And it looks as if he has made right hash of the petition signatures as well – 4,000 have already been rejected. Did he not check before asking people for their signatures, what he could do and not do? Getting these signatures was a total waste of time.
Well, I hope he has learnt that in life you do not get your own way all the time, and the council is an elected body, to run East Cambridgeshire to the best of their ability, as they have all the facts at their disposal.
If people pay to park we will then be in line with all other towns and cities. Why should Ely lose out on revenue when others are raking it in? It looks as if a few more signatures might be scrapped as well, as Mr Olley never did his homework , he thought he could bamboozle the councillors into submitting to him. To me it's a damp squib. I think the old saying is "stick to your day job".
And just to look a little further into the future, the next thing will be a fully pedestrianised High Street with only delivery lorries and vans allowed. Yes, Mr Olley, that will come, and no shops will close either, like you keep saying with car parking charges – shops are always closing and new ones opening.
That's part of life, and that's the way towns and cities survive – changes, just like businesses having alterations to their shops' selling areas and moving staff from one area to another. People get used to the changes, no one makes a song and dance about it but get on with their jobs, not trying to tell others how run their businesses.
I say to Mr Olley, let our councillors do their job , and you take it like a man. This time you did not win but perhaps next time you might. You win some you lose some and I am sure this time you have lost.

Eddie Holden
Ely Road
Little Downham

Give bees a helping hand

Sir, well, another year is here and our bees will start to swarm. Over the next few months you may be lucky enough to see this spectacle. Yet, it's a sight and sound that panics most of the general public, sending them screaming to their shelters, not really knowing exactly what they're screaming about; off they go, leaving behind anyone who can't keep up. The noise of a steam train, or a fighter plane thunders above scaring the living daylights out of us . . . nothing to worry about, it's just several thousand bees following their new mum (the Queen bee) to a new home!
Every year many of us are treated to the pleasure of our honey bees trying to set up new homes, often in, or near our homes. They just love the gaps in chimneys, a cavity or crack in our brickwork or our bird boxes! Not giving a single thought to the inconvenience they may cause.
Urban bees just know where they're better off.
Well, so they think. Sadly, once they have settled into the chimney or cavity they can become a nuisance and often have to be destroyed. We can all help to minimise this act just by contacting your local bee keeping society.
Often, before settling down in her new home, a queen bee will take a break, sometimes on a branch of a tree or shrub in our gardens, while scouts search for the new home. She and all the adopted offspring hang around waiting for the nod from the scouts. It's at this time when you can help with a phone call.
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Richard Whitmore
via email

First the doors, then the lights!

Sir, three million cheers for Peter Bates ("Shops urged to shut doors and save cash", *Weekly News*, February 23). Do we leave our house doors open in winter? Would we think someone a total idiot to do so? And are the citizens of Ely so feeble they won't push a door open to get to their groceries?
And now, how about turning off any lights around the place that aren't vital!

Anthea Maybury
Downham Road
Ely

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Maltings hit by fifth lead raid

Target: The Maltings in Ely.

BY JORDAN DAY

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SECURITY is to be beefed up at The Maltings in Ely after lead thieves struck – for the fifth time.

They climbed onto the 19th-century building's flat roof and stripped lead worth about £500.

It is the fifth time in two years that the community hub, in Waterside, has been raided by lead thieves, who have caused tens of thousands of pounds of damage.

The thieves, who have been caught on CCTV, struck at 10.30pm last Monday and piled up the lead in the car park.

But as police arrived, the culprits scarpered, leaving the lead behind. However, their actions caused about £1,000 damage.

Andy Byrne, general manager at The Maltings, said: "This is the fifth time in two years we've been raided now.

"Not only does the theft of the lead itself leave us out of pocket but the damage they cause when ripping it off is even greater.

"We've caught the guys on CCTV and the police say they have an idea who it is but they were so quick.

"Within 25 minutes they had ripped all the lead off and piled it neatly ready to take off. Unfortunately they got away as the police were on their way.

"We're now working with the district council to increase security. I think we need gates or fencing.

"We're also planning to use a special paint to make the lead more difficult to handle."

Staff at the King's School Ely have also applied to install CCTV cameras at the Old Bishop's Palace after it was twice raided by lead thieves.

The criminals made off with £15,000 of lead.

Police are urging anyone with any information about lead thefts to contact them by calling 101.

A spokesman for East Cambridgeshire District Council said: "We are working with the police regarding the recent incidents and are looking to put in a number of measures to try to prevent the building being targeted from a special paint to make the lead difficult to handle to physical structures."

Last chance to visit printmakers' exhibition

RESIDENTS have just days to visit an exhibition featuring work by printmakers from the prestigious Suffolk-based Gainsborough House Print Workshop.

A total of 10 contemporary printmakers have been exhibiting their work at the Babylon Gallery in Ely since early February. The exhibition closes on Sunday.

Gallery co-ordinator Christine Pike said: "This exhibition features a diverse mix of styles and techniques with an emphasis on strong design. All the work is for sale and we also have a selection of unframed prints available." The gallery is open Tuesday to Sunday from noon –4pm and entry is free.

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BENSTEAD. Richard of Ely, passed peacefully away at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Sunday, 19th February, 2012, aged 86 years. Much loved husband and father. Funeral service at Cambridge City Crematorium, East Chapel, on Tuesday, 6th March, 2012, at 11.30am. Family flowers only but donations for East Anglian Air Ambulance may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service Limited, 4 Tower Road, Ely. CB7 4HW.

BLOWERS. Anthony William of Ely, peacefully in Addenbrooke's Hospital on Monday, 27th February, 2012, aged 83 years. Reunited with his wife Dulcie, loving dad of Cheryl and son-in-law Michael, much loved grandad to Sarah, Laura, Michael and great-grandchildren James, Dale, Josh and Rebecca. Funeral service at Cambridge City Crematorium, East Chapel, on Wednesday, 14th March, 2012, at 1.00pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired for Help for Heroes, may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service Limited, 4 Tower Road, Ely. CB7 4HW.

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Students' designs on success

Artwork: Lily McConkey, front, and fellow students with artwork. Picture: Richard Patterson 808281.

TALENTED art and design students at the King's School Ely are to exhibit their work to the public.

The school's spring exhibition will feature a variety of students' work, including photography, fashion and textiles, as well as examples of sculptural work and fine art.

The exhibition is being staged in the school's £3.5m arts centre which was opened in 2010 by former pupil, Lord Browne of Madingley, in his capacity as chairman of the Tate Gallery.

School director of art Alison Rhodes said: "The building continues to inspire our students' creativity. It also provides a magnificent space to exhibit their work to best advantage.

"The students love to talk about their work and I do hope as many members of the public will spare the time to come and visit."

The exhibition includes not only coursework by sixth-formers taking AS and A2, but also work by Year 9 and GCSE pupils.

A private view is being held on Friday, March 16 and the exhibition continues until Friday, March 30.

Opening times are Monday to Friday from 9am-5pm and Saturdays from 9am–12.30pm.

Tests under way on bypass effect

BY JORDAN DAY

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TESTS have begun to see what impact a southern bypass in Ely could have on the environment.

Officers from Cambridgeshire County Council and East Cambridgeshire District Council have started carrying out assessments to see the effects a bypass could have on the city's conservation area – including Ely Cathedral.

The authorities insist the assessments are taking into account all options for tackling congestion around Ely railway station including two possible bypass routes and an enhanced underpass, not just Route B, which is the most supported route to date.

Tests being carried out include ground investigation on the land which could be used, air quality studies and archaeology tests.

The councils say they are also meeting with Network Rail engineers to discuss the possible impact of lowering the road beneath the Ely railway bridge and that meetings will be held with English Heritage to discuss options.

Cllr Ian Bates, the county council's cabinet member for growth and planning, said: "Since the public consultation, our officers have been hard at work investigating all options which were presented to the public last year, and it is important to remember that no decision has yet been made in favour of any particular option.

"This work has involved, for example, drilling to test the land on Route B, talking to Network Rail about the impact of an underpass and investigating the effect of traffic on air quality in the south of the city.

"This type of information is crucial for us to come to a conclusion about which option will deliver the best overall outcome.

"The work we are doing now is to ensure no stone is left unturned before we make our final decision this summer."

It comes just months after English Heritage raised fears that a bypass could destroy views of Ely Cathedral, create noise pollution and have a damning effect on Ely's conservation area.

There were calls for the contentious southern bypass project to be taken back to the drawing board but they were rejected by the county council, which insisted the project needed to be pursued.

The results of the tests will go out for further public consultation ahead of a final decision being made by the county council's cabinet this summer.

Plan for 100 new homes set to get the green light

MASSIVE plans to build almost 100 new homes in Soham were expected to be approved yesterday.

Major property developer Hopkins Homes Ltd wants to build 96 properties on allotment gardens north-west of Regal Drive, off Fordham Road.

The plans were submitted in November last year and East Cambridgeshire District Council's planning committee was due to make a decision yesterday.

Planning officer Sue Finlayson was recommending that the plans be approved.

She said: "It is considered that the density of the development is acceptable and the scale and appearance of the dwellings will complement the character of the area and add to the street scene.

"The design and layout have taken account of the constraints of the site, including the amenity of residential properties adjacent, and industrial buildings on the eastern side of the site, and no significant harm should be caused by the proposals."

If approved, 96 homes will be built on the site, as well as 0.8 hectares of open space and a play area on the former allotment site at Fordham Road.

Mrs Finlayson added: "The proposal provides a variety of terraced, semi-detached and detached properties of one to four-bedrooms served off a central spine road, which leads to adjacent vacant land.

"It provides 29 affordable houses of mixed tenure, and developer contributions towards education and community facilities have been secured by section 106 agreement."

Documents show two residents have written to the district council with concerns about security of neighbouring industrial properties and the need for a "sufficient buffer".

For the results from the planning meeting, visit *www.elyweeklynews.co.uk*.

Skip blaze 'deliberate'

A SKIP blaze in Ely was started on purpose, according to fire crews.

Firefighters were called out to a fire on Newnham Street in Ely last Tuesday morning at 9am.

They found the fire in a skip and managed to extinguish it before returning to their station at 9.25am.

Anyone with information about the incident should contact the police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Awards call is sounded

PEOPLE, groups or companies who take action to tackle litter in the countryside are being given the chance to win an award.

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) and the Marsh Christian Trust have launched a new national award called the Marsh Award for a Beautiful and Litter-free Countryside.

Nominations are now open and will close on April 20.

Award winners will be invited to receive their accolade, along with an award of £500, from CPRE president Bill Bryson in June.

Nominations should be made by visiting *http://bit.ly/Ai5vqG*.

Police have new FB page

CAMBRIDGESHIRE police have launched a new Facebook page in a bid to further engage with residents.

The CambsCops page will include updates on investigations, witness appeals, upcoming events, campaigns and crime prevention advice.

Visitors will also be able to view videos and images at *www.facebook.com/CambsCops*.

Bounce into fun event

YOUNGSTERS are invited to a fun-filled trampolining session in Ely on Sunday.

The Act4Kidz charity is holding the event at the Paradise Centre from 2.30pm-4pm.

Pets as Therapy (PAT) dogs will also be present for children to play with and get up close to.

The cost is £3.50.

Act4Kidz gives priority to youngsters aged 3-19 with additional needs, although all are welcome.

Call Niki Pitt on 07880 557796 for more information.

Aldi store set to get the go-ahead

BY JORDAN DAY

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BUDGET supermarket Aldi was expected to be given permission yesterday to build a supermarket in Ely.

East Cambridgeshire District Council's planning committee was recommended to approve the firm's plans when it met.

Bosses at the supermarket giant were given planning permission to build at the former Thurlow Nunn Standen site in Lisle Lane, Ely, in August 2008.

But that permission has since expired and the company was forced to re-submit plans, which it did in January this year.

The fresh plans involve building a 990sq m food store, complete with 85 car parking spaces and 26 cycle spaces.

The company originally wanted to build a non-food unit as well but that element was removed in the fresh plans.

If approved, the store will be just a stone's throw away from Ely's new Sainsbury's store.

In a report, planning officer, Ann Caffall, who was recommending that the committee approved the plans, said: "The removal of the non-food unit has allowed for the reconfigured access, an improved car park layout and the proposed food store will remain at the rear of the site, enabling the retention of views to Ely Cathedral from Lisle Lane.

"The application seeks to redevelop the site for an Aldi food store, which will both quantitatively and qualitatively enhance the retail offer in Ely."

In their proposals, Aldi bosses say their store will increase potential for customers to make linked trips into Ely as their stores do not sell newspapers or tobacco products and do not have concessionary units such as pharmacies, bakeries or delicatessens.

In January, German supermarket chain Lidl also launched fresh plans to open a store in Ely.

The budget retail giant was unsuccessful in its attempts to build a food store in the city in 2007 and again in 2008 – but now bosses want to build a non-food store instead.

The new proposals involve building two separate non-food units where EMG Ford in Angel Drove currently is – directly opposite Tesco.

The district council is yet to make a decision on the Lidl plans.

A decision on the Aldi plans was due to be made yesterday. For updates, see *www.elyweeklynews.co.uk*.

Quaker tapestry attracts 11,000 to cathedral

THOUSANDS of people descended on Ely Cathedral to get a glimpse of the prestigious Quaker tapestry.

The tapestry was on show to the public from January 31 to February 29 and attracted more than 11,000 visitors.

The tapestry is made up of 39 captivating embroidered panels, created by Quakers to celebrate life, people and events over the last 350 years.

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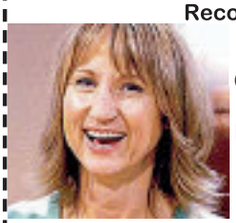

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Oxfam criticised over bomb scare

Flashback: the scene during last Tuesday's bomb scare in Ely. 808201.

STAFF at a charity shop have been criticised for the way they handled a suspected bomb alert.

Employees at Oxfam in Ely's High Street were sorting out a box of books which had been donated when they came across a suspicious package.

They believed it was a small bomb so walked it through Ely's city centre to the police station in Nutholt Lane.

It was there that a dramatic bomb scare unfolded – the station was evacuated, cordoned off and explosive experts from RAF Wittering were called in to examine the package, which police too believed was a bomb.

As reported in the *Weekly News*, the scare happened at about 10am last Tuesday and after tests, police said it was a hoax. An investigation was then launched although officers say they are now confident there was no criminal intent.

Residents and shopkeepers have hit out at staff at Oxfam, insisting they "put people's lives at risk" by walking the package through Ely instead of calling the police to the shop.

A businesswoman in High Street Passage said: "What on earth possessed them to walk the package through the city centre instead of calling the police directly to their door?

"I don't mean to sound alarmist but they put people's lives at risk."

Gerard Mason, of Prickwillow Road, added: "The employees, believing they had just had a bomb delivered to their shop, thought it would be wise to carry it through the city centre to the police station. It's almost laughable, but clearly it isn't."

BY JORDAN DAY

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A spokesman for Cambridgeshire Police said: "Following an appeal about a hoax incident in Ely police are no longer requesting witnesses.

"Police received fresh information following the media appeal and officers are now happy there was no criminal intent by those involved."

Georgia Boon, head of volunteering and trading internal communication at Oxfam, said: "Oxfam has a commitment to training volunteers to ensure that when situations such as this arise they feel confident in dealing with them.

"Ordinarily in a case such as this all volunteers would have been advised to evacuate the shop and call the police immediately on receiving any suspicious package. However, in this instance a decision was made under extreme stress and we are just relieved that no one was hurt in the process.

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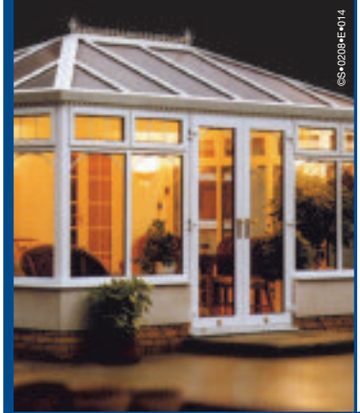

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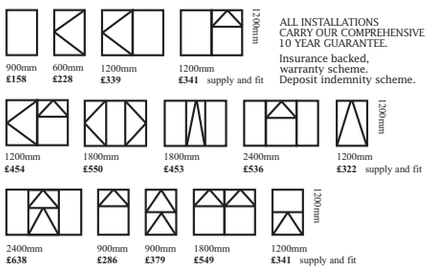

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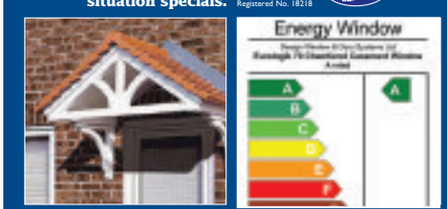

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Mum in desperate plea as thieves destroy car

A SICK 10-month-old baby has been left without her comfort blanket and vital equipment after thieves stole a car.

Tia Marie Pyne was born with an unusual bowel condition which means she cannot digest her food or go to the toilet properly.

She is undergoing tests at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, to find out exactly what the disorder is and has to go to hospital at least once a week.

But last Tuesday morning, thieves stole the green Land Rover Discovery used by her grandparents, Ian and Juliette Pyne, which the family use to take her to appointments.

The vehicle was stolen from outside the family's home in Newtown Road, Haddenham, between 6.30am and 7am.

It was then found burnt out on land between Stretham and Wilburton on Thursday morning.

Inside it was Tia's special custom-made car seat, her blue and white Mamas and Papas pram and her blue comfort blanket, as well as toys, a sat-nav and some of Ian's tools.

Tia's mum, Amie Pyne, is furious and is pleading with the thieves to return her daughter's equipment, insisting she cannot be without them.

Amie, 23, said: "Tia's car seat was a specially-made one as it had to be at a

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certain angle to reduce the pressure on her tummy.

"Her pram was also one of those special ones which folds down extremely flat, again to help with her problems, and her comfort blanket, which is blue with patchwork detail, has been in our family for 40 years.

"I had it as a baby and Tia cannot be without it.

"We're gutted by this. Not only has my dad's car been stolen but all these items inside are extremely precious and things we cannot be without or get replaced easily.

"We would urge whoever stole the car to please return these items. Tia needs them."

Police have confirmed they are investigating the theft.

The Landrover, registration K552 YDC, was dark green and had 33inch mud tyres, four blue spot lights on the front and a silver roof rack on the back.

Tia's pram is blue with white flowers on it. The car was locked and parked on the road outside the family's home when it was stolen.

Anyone with any information about the incident is urged to call police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Please help: Amie Pyne wants her daughter's pram and comfort blanket returned.

Picture: Keith Heppel 808309.

Web bid to improve rail services

A WEBSITE has been launched to enable First Capital Connect (FCC) rail passengers to have their say about services.

Customers can visit the site, called Your Ideas, and suggest ways in which FCC can improve its services, comment on other people's ideas and vote for those they think deserve to be introduced.

FCC says the ideas will be discussed weekly by bosses, who will work out which ideas can be pursued.

Examples of ideas already suggested include introducing electronic rail tickets for smartphones and alternative route information during disruption.

Keith Jipps, the firm's customer service director, said: "While we'd love to implement every idea, the ideas most likely to be considered are those that don't just identify an area that needs improvement, but suggest practical ways to make changes."

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Susan is the manager of Littleport-based charity Branching Out. She lives near Downham Market

When are you happiest? All the time.
How do you relax? I have two horses and two dogs. When I am mucking out the horses with the dogs running around I find that relaxing.
Pet hates: Litter on the side of the roads or dumped in fields. I don't like the way the care of the elderly, vulnerable adults and children is undervalued.
Guilty pleasure: I love going to the cinema.
Favourite book/movie: The Stieg Larsson Millennium Trilogy books. I went to see *War Horse* and *The Descendants* recently and I also love the *Harry Potter* and *Pirates of the Caribbean* movies.

Favourite holiday destination: Hawaii.
Your hero: Other than my dad who will be reading this, I would have to say it is people who have stepped up when it counted, like Winston Churchill.
Four people you'd invite to dinner: The Duke of Edinburgh, John Bishop, Karl Pilkington and Queen Victoria.
What three possessions would you take with you to a desert island? A electronic book, a large box of matches (I am not a fan of raw food or being cold) and a tarpaulin to make a shelter.
If you ruled the country for a day what would you do? Purchase adverts on the television for keeping Britain tidy, and Be Seen Be Safe adverts.
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Reduce our commitments to trying to be responsible for peace in the world.
What do you love most about living locally? The rush hour traffic made up of tractors and horses. I love being able to see the sunrise, sunset and the stars. I also love seeing hot air balloons flying over in the summer.

Who would you like to spend Two Minutes With? Let us know and we'll put the questions to them. Email *editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk*

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Ely

YOU'RE WORTH IT: A pamper workshop is being held in Ely to boost young girls' confidence.
The session, entitled Shine, is for girls aged 11-17 and is being held at the Lighthouse Centre, in Chapel Street, on Saturday, March 17.
The Countess and Lighthouse Churches of Ely have sponsored the event, which will run from 10am-4pm.
A spokeswoman said: "The aim of the workshop is to encourage girls to explore what gifts they have, how unique and special they are and how best to embrace their talents and live out their dreams. It includes pamper sessions and lunch."
Tickets are £9. For more information, call Rachael Heffer on 07712 653299.
FINAL COUNTDOWN: Last-minute tickets for the Rotary Club of Ely's charity concert tomorrow are still available.
The prestigious City of Cambridge Brass Band will be performing at the concert, which is being held at The Maltings.
It starts at 7.30pm and all funds raised will go to the Rotary Foundation, which in turn is fighting to eradicate polio across the world. Tickets are £12.50 and available by phoning (01353) 663781.
Alternatively, visit Burrows Bookshop in Ely or The Maltings itself.
BYGONE TIMES: Local historian Pam Blakeman will be hosting the Ely Society's next talk.
The talk, entitled *Pictures of Old Ely*, is being held at the Methodist Hall, in Chapel Street, on Wednesday, March 14.
It starts at 7.30pm and all are welcome.
The society's AGM will be held after the talk. Entry is free for society members and £2.50 for non-members.
PLASTER MASTERS: *Getting Plastered* is the title of the Ely Decorative and Fine Arts Society's next talk.
Dr David Bostwick will be hosting the event at the King's School Ely's Hayward Theatre on Thursday, March 15.
Dr Bostwick will be exploring how the decoration in Tudor and Stuart buildings were created and used.
The talk starts at 7.30pm and non-members are welcome.
CLOTHES SWAP: Ely's next 'swishing' event is being held tomorrow.
Women are invited to take their unwanted clothes and accessories along to the event and swap them with items which other women have taken along.
The 'swish' will take place at the Ely Beet Club, in Lynn Road, at 7.30pm.
Tickets are £7 on the door or two for £10 in advance.
To book tickets, phone (01353) 662228.
For more information, visit *www.elyswishing.co.uk.*

Island life: the cannibals come out to play at Little Downham Village Hall. CP.

Pantomime cast get cast away

THERE were giggles, cheers and the traditional hisses when *Robinson Crusoe – The Pantomime* was staged in Little Downham.
The Little Downham players, singers and musicians performed the classic at the village hall, which was filled for two evenings in a row.
Patti Quant said: "Traditional laughter, hisses, cheers and boos greeted the local cast of sailors who became pirates, but then reformed, and cannibals who became vegetenarians (elderly vegetarians).
"Hull became Little Downham, a huge brown bear frightened nobody and a ladies' choir and soloists supported the suitably melodramatic performances.
"A good time was had by all and the event certainly did much to enrich local community feelings."

Haddenham

NATURE FOCUS: Otters will be the subject of the Haddenham Conservation Society's next talk.
Ruth Hawksley will be talking about the mammals' gradual return to the UK, how well they are doing and what problems they encounter.
The talk is being held at the Arkenstall Centre in Haddenham on Tuesday, March 13 at 8pm. All are welcome.

Littleport

LOOKING AHEAD: A clairvoyant evening is being held at Littleport Leisure Centre on Sunday, March 11.
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People in the picture

Hold on: pupils at St Andew's Primary School in Soham are enjoying their new climbing wall. CP.

Another brick in the wall...

PUPILS are able to let off even more steam in their school playground.

A new climbing wall has been installed at St Andrew's Primary School in Soham.

The school's Home School Association raised the £650 needed for the wall, which is proving a big hit with the students.

Richard Liddington, head teacher, said: "The wall is in three sections for beginners, intermediate and advanced, and encourages the children to traverse along, rather than up the wall. As the footholds are no higher than 30cm above the ground there is very limited risk of injury.

"The wall is proving extremely popular among the pupils."

Rotary club's triple charity bonanza

Cash boost: from left, Magpas trustee Jacqueline Whipp, Geoff Fisher, president of Soham Staploe Rotary Club, Peter Palmer, chairman of the St Andrew's Swimming Pool Association and Colin Brook, Scout leader, 2nd Soham Scouts. CP.

THREE charities are celebrating after receiving donations from the Soham Staploe Rotary Club.

The club has donated £4,537.61 to the Soham Scouts and Guides towards the cost of their new centre in the town and £350.66 has been given to the St Andrew's Swimming Pool Association.

The association has been set up to raise cash to refurbish the pool at St Andrew's Primary, which had to be closed for health and safety reasons.

All the money was raised from the Soham beer festival and the Rotary club's annual carol concert last year. The club's annual Christmas street collection also raised £1,126.40 for emergency medical charity Magpas.

Club president, Geoff Fisher, presented all three cheques at the club's meeting last Wednesday.

Rehabilitation centre staff meet MP

A REHABILITATION centre which works with people who have suffered brain injuries was visited by Jim Paice.

The South East Cambridgeshire MP visited the internationally-renowned Oliver Zangwill Centre for Neuropsychological Rehabilitation in Ely last Friday.

Run by the Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust, the centre is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year.

Mr Paice met staff and service users at the centre and learnt about the expert rehabilitation programme it provides.

Dr Andrew Bateman, neuro-rehabilitation manager at the centre, said: "It was a great opportunity for staff to meet their local MP and talk about the unique 18-week therapy programme we provide, which aims to help people better cope with the social, emotional, cognitive and vocational problems caused by brain injury.

Visit *www.ozc.nhs.uk* for more.

Visit: from left, MP Jim Paice, Heather Peck, chairman, CCS NHS Trust; Dr Jill Winegardner, lead psychologist; and Dr Andrew Bateman, neuro-rehabilitation manager. CP.

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Saying 'yes' was the easy part – next up are some of the really tricky wedding questions!

Hitched without hitches

Mission accomplished: Making your dream wedding a tangible reality is a skill you'll need to learn.

SAYING "Yes" was the easy part, as there's a lot to think about if you're getting married this year.

However, there's no need to fret – with a little (or a lot!) of forward-planning you can be sure to get hitched without any hitches.

Firstly, you and your partner need to ask yourself three important questions:

1. What are you going to spend?
2. Who are you going to invite?
3. How much are your families willing to contribute?

With those tricky questions out of the way, it's the date itself which becomes important, and you can't fix that without a venue. Hopefully the two of you will have similar ideas about the type of wedding you want (religious or registry, or something more unusual) and can narrow venues down in that way. Once you've also decided on your price range, number of guests and whereabouts in the country – or abroad – you want to say your vows, you'll have considerably narrowed down your search.

For a gorgeous local venue, why not consider Lanwades Hall in Kentford? All profits from your big day will go straight into helping poorly animals, as the venue is also the home of the Animal Health Trust. The stunning property will be starting the season in style with a wedding fair on Sunday, May 6. For more information visit www.lanwadespark.co.uk/weddings.

Then it's a matter of getting in touch for quotes and possible dates, before you can send your invites out. Make sure to check, and double check, the legal requirements for your chosen ceremony, and what paperwork you are required to bring.

For your reception it's important to book a venue in good time, as many are booked up for months in advance (particularly for Saturdays over the summer). Now is also the time to decide whether you have the time to plan the day yourself, or whether to invest in a wedding co-ordinator.

Pick up a bargain honeymoon by booking in advance, and tick yet another thing off your list!

It's also not a bad idea to book your bridal suite in advance. One top tip is to take out wedding insurance before you pay any deposits, as finding last-minute replacements can be expensive.

There's a lot to think about, but the most important thing is that you and your partner are making a public commitment to one another, and this shouldn't be overshadowed by whether you have a buffet or a sit-down meal. Don't compete with your friends, don't panic about the little details, and try to enjoy as much as you can.

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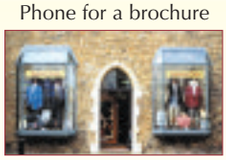

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Does city have Scope for new charity shop?

Site 'ticks all the boxes' – but some insist we need diversity

BY JORDAN DAY

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A NEW charity shop is being opened in Ely.

Scope, a charity which supports disabled people in the UK, is opening in the city's High Street.

The charity is taking over the former Holland & Barrett store and will open its doors for the first time on Saturday, March 17.

Stephen Moody, a spokesman for Scope, said: "We're really excited to be opening in Ely.

"We're about to open about 30 new stores in the East of England and Ely has been on our target list for some time now. It ticks all the boxes for us.

"We have recruited two members of staff, who are both local, and are now seeking volunteers to work inside the shop.

"We will be selling everything from clothes to books, including the new Scope brand.

"The store will be vibrant and fresh, with oak throughout."

The news has been welcomed by the Ely Traders Association but some are disgruntled.

Maria Simpson, of New Barns Road, said: "I heard a charity shop is opening where Holland & Barrett were.

"It's ridiculous – Ely has far too many charity shops as it is.

"If it's not another charity shop opening it's a cafe or an estate agent.

"We need different shops and businesses else Ely is going to just end up like any other town."

Tina Clarke, of Stour Green, added: "I saw the Scope posters in the shop's window and can't help but feel disappointed.

"Yes it's good that we haven't got too many empty shops but we've got so many charity shops.

"They all sell the same thing and don't really bring much to the high street."

A volunteers' open day is being held at the shop on Wednesday, March 14 for people interested in helping out at the store.

Those interested should attend the event between 10am and 3pm, or phone Mr Moody on 07966 661973.

Plan for mobile classroom at primary school

A MOBILE classroom could be built at a primary school in Ely and used until 2017.

Cambridgeshire County Council wants to build a mobile classroom at The Lantern Community Primary School in Nene Road.

The plan is to use the classroom until August 2017.

East Cambridgeshire District Council will make the final decision.

To have your say, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*.

Drink-driver crashed into a garden fence

A DRINK-driver who crashed his car has been banned from the road.

Peter Rodrigues, 41, was arrested after he collided with a garden fence in Barton Road, Ely, early on Sunday, February 19.

Rodrigues, of Tower Road, Ely, left the scene but police caught him an hour later.

He appeared at Cambridge Magistrates' Court on February 29 and pleaded guilty to drink-driving and failing to stop at the scene of an accident.

The court heard how he had 65 micrograms of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. The legal limit is 35 micrograms.

Magistrates disqualified Rodrigues from driving for 17 months and fined him £400. He was also ordered to pay £85 court costs and £15 victim surcharge.

Popular quintet set to play

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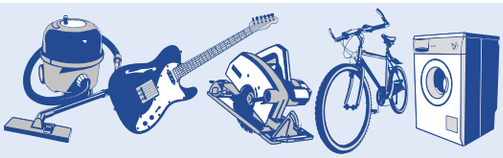

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Icing's on the cake at libary

ELY Library may have been open for more than a decade but last Wednesday, staff celebrated its third birthday.

Because the library, in The Cloisters, was opened on a leap year, it has only been able to celebrate in three out of the 12 years it has been open.

Staff and Friends of the library gathered for the celebrations, which included quizzes and refreshments.

A birthday cake, donated by Waitrose, was also cut and shared among guests.

There is also further good news for the library.

While many across Cambridgeshire are having their opening hours and services cut, Ely's library is to open for an extra four hours each week.

As of April 2, the library, which is currently closed on a Monday, will be open on a Monday morning.

Last year, state-of-the-art self-service technology was also installed at the library and the facility's meeting room was given a revamp.

Cake expectations: library staff Debbie Price, left, and Doreen Martin.
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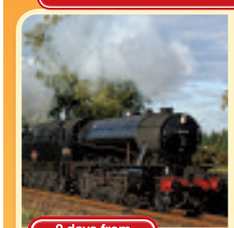

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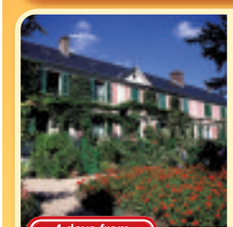

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Works begins on rail upgrade

BY JORDAN DAY

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WORK has started on a multi-million pound scheme to double the single line railway between Soham and Ely.

Network Rail engineers have now begun work on the major project, which will see two 775m loops built parallel to the existing track east of Ely station.

The upgrades are being made as part of the national Strategic Rail Freight Network from Felixstowe to Nuneaton.

Work should be complete by next summer and the Department for Transport hopes it will persuade haulage firms to switch from road to rail, thus reducing the number of lorries on roads.

Tim Cook, senior sponsor at Network Rail, said: "The work we're doing at Ely, together with the other enhancements along the route, is a key part of our plans to take more freight off roads and onto rail.

"This project will help to take up to 750,000 lorry journeys off the road every year by 2030, reducing traffic congestion, improving road safety and reducing carbon emissions by around three-quarters.

"The Ely loops form an important part of Network Rail's Strategic Freight Network – a program of investment to improve freight capacity across Britain's railway.

"Once all these upgrades are complete in early 2014, freight trains carrying the larger 9'6" or 'high-cube' containers increasingly used by global shipping companies will be able to travel more directly from the Port of Felixstowe."

At present, the single line acts as a bottleneck for freight trains, which travel from Felixstowe to the Midlands. When the extra line is laid, it will allow more trains to use the route.

Peter Wakefield, Cambridge spokesman for the campaign organisation Railfuture East Anglia, said: "It is more very good news on the rail front.

"This will enable many more freight trains carrying containers to run without any bottlenecks from Felixstowe to the Midlands and north, via Bury St Edmunds, Ely, March and Peterborough."

The doubling of the route might also lead to the reopening of a passenger station in Soham, as reported in the *Weekly News*.

Author set to pay visit to city bookshop

AUTHOR Jon McGregor will be in Ely on Monday to read short stories from his latest book.

Mr McGregor will be at Toppings & Company Booksellers, in the High Street, sharing extracts from *This Isn't The Sort of Thing That Happens to Someone Like You*, which is set in the Fens.

The event starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £6.

Author William Boyd will also be in Ely on Thursday, March 15 talking about his latest novel *Waiting for Sunrise*.

The talk will take place at St Mary's Church at 7.30pm and tickets are £7. For tickets or more information for either event, phone (01353) 645005.

Car parking crackdown

Film fans to set up screenings

A FILM society could be set up for movie lovers in the Ely area.

Those seeking to set up the organisation say it would compliment the work that Arts Development in East Cambridgeshire (ADeC) do with running Ely Cinema at The Maltings.

Michael Massey, from Ely, said: "We are proposing to start a film society in Ely to provide members with the opportunity to watch and discuss a wide variety of cinema from around the world.

"The initial plan is for members to pay a yearly subscription which would entitle them to free admission to the monthly shows, notes on the films at each screening and the opportunity to contribute ideas for the society's programme.

"This initiative is not intended to compete in any way with the excellent work of ADeC."

For more information, call Mr Massey on (01353) 656959 or email *michael_masse4@hotmail.com*.

Author: Nick Heddle with copies of his book and, above one of its illustrations. Picture: Richard Patterson 808540.

Wartime romance is theme of book

A GAY romance which blossoms on a RAF base during the Second World War is the storyline of a Cambridgeshire author's latest novel.

Nick Heddle from Ely has just had his fourth book, *Stairway to the Stars*, published.

The novel is set on a RAF base in Ely, similar to the old RAF Ely Hospital, during the Second World War.

An illicit gay romance materialises at the base when presenters of a programme visit an old, disused airfield to make a TV broadcast.

A Ouija board then spells out messages from a dead wing commander, including his scandalous affair with a junior aircraftman during the Battle of Britain 1940.

Mr Heddle, 61, a retired photographer, said: "This is my fourth book and I'm extremely pleased with it. I had to do a lot of research in order to write it and it's taken around a year to write. I also drew the book's 21 illustrations.

"It's a great story. It highlights the huge differences there were between the real life war and the propaganda of the war. There's also a huge local link there."

***Stairway to the Stars* has been published by Ely-based publisher Melrose Books and is priced at £9.99.**

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Obstructive drivers targeted

BY JORDAN DAY

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POLICE are visiting schools in Soham in a bid to deal with motorists parking obstructively in the town.

Residents have been complaining for months about motorists parking inconsiderately outside their homes and businesses.

People insist is mainly parents with children at Soham's two primary schools in Sand Street and Pratt Street who are causing the problems.

The issue has been raised by residents at the local neighbourhood panel meeting and police have been dealing with the issue as a priority since last October.

According to the latest Soham and East Neighbourhood Panel, police handed out 136 fixed penalty notices in the town between October 2011 and January this year.

The notices were issued for numerous offences, including motorists overstaying in spaces, parking on double yellow lines, parking in disabled bays without permits and obstructing footpaths by the way they had parked.

During that period, 38 reports were also sent to the DVLA for vehicles which were untaxed and four speeding tickets were issued.

Police say they have also been carrying out high-visibility patrols around the schools and known areas where parking issues have been highlighted.

Now officers and PCSOs will be visiting the town's schools to look at the "longer-term solutions".

Insp Paul Ormerod said: "We are carrying out enforcement in Soham and are meeting with schools to look at longer-term solutions to parking problems.

"We will look at the layout of the routes to schools in the town and see if there is anything that can be done to ease traffic flow and reduce parking issues."

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Group to focus on affordable homes

A TRUST is being set up in a bid to get more affordable homes built in Stretham and Wilburton.

The not-for-profit trust, called the Stretham and Wilburton Community Land Trust, will be run by local volunteers from both villages who want more affordable housing built for local families.

The search is now on for the most suitable sites in the villages and local landowners are being asked to submit their sites for consideration by the trust.

All properties built will be protected by a legal 'asset-lock' which means they will remain forever in the ownership of the community.

The trust is being supported by the district council, parish councils and Foundation East, the regional support organisation for Community Land Trusts in the East of England.

Over the coming months, Foundation East will be working with the trust to identify the best sites for the new homes.

District and parish councillor Charles Roberts, whose ward is Stretham, said: "Community land trusts can help villages and market towns prosper and become increasingly self reliant.

"We need good-quality housing and work space for local people who contribute to our community and our new trust is going to provide that in our villages."

Both villages' parish councils are leading the trust, which is also being supported by district council leader Peter Moakes and deputy leader James Palmer.

Cllr Moakes said: "It is very difficult for people to afford to stay in their own communities and this scheme will be an enormous help.

"Ultimately, it will strengthen communities and all involved believe that strong communities are a key to future prosperity and a major part of strong community is decent housing for people to live in."

If the trust proves to be successful, it could be introduced across East Cambridgeshire.

Cllr Moakes added: "We want to see this model rolled out to other parishes in the future using Stretham and Wilburton as the beacon."

Anyone who lives or works in either of the villages can join the trust.

Landowners and developers with land that may be suitable for development should contact Phil Rose at Foundation East by calling (01284) 757 777 or emailing *phil.rose@foundationeast.org*.

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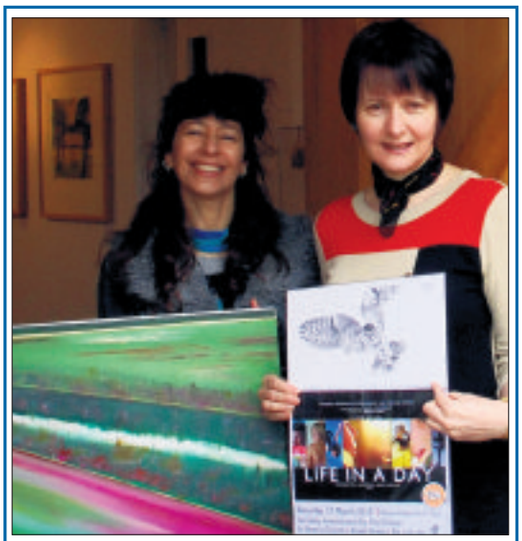

Event: artist Natasha Day, left, with Ely City group chairman Barbara Grafton. CP.

Film focuses on single day

A FILM screening is being held to raise money for the Amnesty International Ely City Group.

***Life in a Day*, certificate 12A, is a moving documentary by Kevin Macdonald and Ridley Scott showing what it was like on Earth on a single day in July 2010. It will be screened at St Peter's Church in Broad Street, Ely, on March 17 at 7.30pm.**

There will also be refreshments and a raffle, in which the top prize is an acrylic painting by Ely artist Natasha Day, entitled *Sutton Gault*, and valued at £160.

Amnesty Ely City Group chairman Barbara Grafton will also be donating some of her wildlife prints.

Film tickets are £6 each (£5 for students, OAPs and registered disabled).

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Grab your partners for annual Rotary barn dance

THE countdown to the Ely Rotary Hereward Club's annual barn dance is now on.

This year's fundraising bonanza is being held on Saturday, March 24 to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

The event, which takes place at the Ely Beet Club in Lynn Road, will feature live music and caller, a light supper, licensed bar and raffles.

There will also be an auction led by Ely's famous auctioneer David Palmer.

The dance will run from 7.15pm-11.5pm and tickets are £15 each.

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Young hearts run free

Robert Icke, director of a bold production of *Romeo and Juliet*, tells Jennifer Shelton why there's always something new to discover about Shakespeare's most famous love story.

STAR CROSS'D: Daniel Boyd and Catrin Stewart in *Romeo and Juliet*

THINK you know *Romeo and Juliet*? Of course.

Remember that bit about the illiterate servant and the party invitation? Ah, maybe not.

It's probably the most famous love story of all time, but Shakespeare's tale of star-cross'd lovers is so packed with action and emotion and different characters that any new version we see – on stage or on screen – is sure to throw up moments and ideas that we'd never noticed before.

"It's a play that everyone thinks they know," says Robert Icke, director of a bold new version by Headlong Theatre, which alights in Cambridge this week.

"The number of people that come out with: 'Wherefore art thou, Romeo?'. . . The interesting thing about that line is that it's really famous, but it's also famous for meaning something which it doesn't mean ['wherefore', of course, meaning 'why', not 'where']'.

"There are quite a few things in it like that," Robert continues. "The suicide pact at the end, for example, isn't a suicide pact. The reason Romeo kills himself is because he thinks she's dead. There's never been an agreement that they're going to kill themselves. The idea is that they're going to get back together again. She's going to go out to Mantua, presumably."

A Cambridge University graduate, Robert is associate director at Headlong Theatre which put its own unique, contemporary stamp on *Macbeth* last year. But *Romeo and Juliet* is quite a different tragedy, Robert argues, kept aloft by a glimmer of hope which cheats us into thinking that things, somehow, could turn out all right.

"One of the things that became clear when working on *Romeo and Juliet* was that it's not like the other tragedies. In *Macbeth*, once he kills the king he's pretty much screwed and from then you just pretty much watch it all fall apart.

"And *King Lear* makes that disastrous decision right at the start to give away his kingdom. But in this play, if Romeo were to turn up at the chapel two minutes later, it would all be fine: she'd be awake and they'd meet each other . . . So I got really interested in the idea of fate and of them being 'star-cross'd' lovers.

"Right at the start of the play, for instance, Capulet gives a party invitation to a servant who can't read, and that servant then has to find someone in the street who can read, and by chance bumps into Romeo and Benvolio, who then find out about the party and decide to go – which is where Romeo meets Juliet.

"So if Capulet had given the invitations to a servant who could read, it could have all turned out quite differently.

"Shakespeare is always interested in the opposite of everything, and of course, the flip side of fate is coincidence. I don't think many of us know which we believe in. Do you believe your life is set out in front of you and you're just walking a pre-appointed path?

"So one of the things we've done in this production is consider – a bit like in *Sliding Doors* – how close are we to another scenario, and to look at the ways in which the story might be different.

"Similarly, while *Romeo and Juliet* is a play about love, it's also a play about hate. And as well as gentleness it's also about violence. I think a lot of that is Shakespeare commenting on what it's like to fall in love, that it's a little bit like being hit by a random bullet. If you think of Cupid and his arrow, you realise how violent that actually is."

Interestingly, Robert's first impression of Romeo and Juliet – on which he now has so much to say – as a young boy, watching it at the theatre with his dad, was underwhelming.

"I remember saying to my dad, 'Why are they all so old? Why are there 30-year-olds wandering around saying they're 14?' In our production they're very young, I think 23 and 24, and they're wonderful.

"I understand that it's a risk to do it with younger actors – obviously when you're 30 you've got 10 years of experience – but I'm delighted with our guys. – and they're two names I think we'll be hearing a lot more of."

Robert studied English at King's College, graduating in 2008, so is expecting his return to the city to stir up plenty of emotions.

"It's going to be really weird, coming back. I've got to that stage now where the only people I know here are the teachers, and it's weird seeing other students around cause when you're at uni you feel a sense of ownership over the place.

"But I directed at the Arts Theatre while I was there as well, so coming back to the Arts always feels a bit like coming home."

And it was directing a play (and not just any play) during his final term which set the wheels of his career in motion, as Robert explains: "I was working on my last production before graduating – hilariously it was actually *Romeo and Juliet* – and some agents from London came to see it, which never happens. I'd written so many letters and nobody could ever come, then suddenly for *Romeo and Juliet* they all decided to come."

Coincidence – or fate, perhaps?

"Exactly! So I was offered a new play by Alistair Bain which had funding and dates and started in the October after I graduated. So I really landed on my feet – I feel really lucky. This time, Robert's hoping a few of his former lecturers might pop along to see the show: "They're good people to get responses from. As long as they don't start saying, 'why did you cut that bit?' or 'you've got that bit wrong!' because there are a few bold moves.

■ ***Romeo and Juliet*, Cambridge Arts Theatre, until tomorrow, 7.45pm. Tickets from £15. Contact (01223) 503333 / *www.cambridgeartstheatre.com***

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The man's got soul

BBC Sound of 2012 winner Michael Kiwanuka will perform at The Junction in Cambridge in May.
The son of Ugandan parents who escaped the Amin regime, Kiwanuka grew up in Muswell Hill, where he developed an early passion for the likes of Nirvana and Radiohead.
However, a recording of Otis Redding on a CD he got free with a magazine opened his eyes to the possibilities of soul music – and his output has subsequently earned comparisons with Redding himself, as well as Bill Withers, The Temptations and Van Morrison.
At the start of the year, Kiwanuka topped the BBC's influential Sound of 2012 list, following in the footsteps of previous winners such as Jessie J, Ellie Goulding, Keane and Adele. Wonder whatever happened to them?
He releases his debut album, *Home Again*, on March 12. Tickets for his Junction show on May 22 are £12.50 from (01223) 511 511 or *www.junction.co.uk*

Birthday bash

THE director of last year's popular *All My Sons* returns next week with *Festen* – adapted from the Thomas Vinterberg film by David Eldridge. A challenging story of family values, *Festen* sees relatives gather for a birthday celebration where secrets are unlocked and choices are made.
Festen runs until Saturday at the ADC Theatre, Cambridge.
Performances are at 7.45pm and tickets cost from £8 (£6 concessions).
For more information or to book, contact (01223) 300085 / *www.adctheatre.com.*

LOVE STORY: The Alchemystorium is at The Robinson Theatre tomorrow.

Cut out the small talk

AN unusual piece of theatre makes its first Cambridge appearance this week. Produced by Gomito Productions, *The Alchemystorium* is a story of romance and magic, told through movement, puppetry, music and sounds – but no words whatsoever.

"*The Alchemystorium* is at heart a very simple love story," says director and designer Amelia Bird. "Because we were looking at the emotion of love, we wanted to find a way of sharing that emotion with the audience.

"I think that often when people are listening to a lot of words we're more likely to take them in with our brains and consider them intellectually – whereas we wanted to experiment with taking away words and using visual performance, design, music and light to convey simple emotions rather than clever thoughts.

"That probably all sounds a bit pretentious, but what it really means is that without words everything has to be very clear to tell the story and we've used a lot of techniques which we've picked up through making shows for children.

"The characters are non-naturalistic and larger than life, almost cartoony. There's music as a soundtrack throughout and a lot of silly, universal comedy like slapstick and rough, theatrical magic tricks.

" The play is set in a coffee shop and the performers really serve coffee to the audience which makes it easy to present everything in a very big way, then when we want to be more subtle with the emotion a delicate little scene makes a big contrast.

"It was a big challenge working without words, but it also forced us to get directly to the heart of the story and we're very happy with how it's turned out."

Sam Worboys, one of the actors in the show, added: "As a performer I generally enjoy the physical bits of acting most, it's so satisfying to create a really slick sequence or to perfect a physical gag. Gomito shows always have plenty of opportunity for both of those things so *The Alchemystorium* wasn't too big a leap in style. What was slightly tricky to start with was working on what noises our characters could make to accompany their gestures; when sounds were helpful for conveying things to the audience; and when they became too much.

"Once all the choreography was in place and we'd worked on some clowning exercises that all became easier. We realised that we all make plenty of gestural noises in day to day life (noises of surprise, or thinking or trying to get someone's attention) so we tried to work with keeping sounds genuine and only using them when it felt natural."

■ **The Alchemystorium, The Robinson Theatre, Hills Road Sixth Form College, tomorrow at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 (£8 concessions) and bookings through the college bursary: (01223) 278049.**

Bang the drum for street art

WE'VE all heard of them – you know, they're the guys who play music with bin lids and brooms – but now we in Cambridge are getting the chance to witness for ourselves the global sensation that is *Stomp*.
Established in Brighton in 1991, *Stomp* was the result of a 10-year collaboration between creators Steve McNicholas and Luke Cresswell. They began as street artists, performing at the Edinburgh Festival before touring their unique new act across Europe (they'd turned heads earlier in 1986 when asked to appear in an advert for Heineken, which became the starting point for their famous 'dustbin dance', which provides the climax to their live stage show).
The theatre show premiered in Edinburgh and went on to scoop a handful of awards, nominations and accolades in its early years, wowing critics with its dynamism and ingenuity.
Stomp is now a multimedia feast of rhythm, sound and dance, created by foot-stomping, brush-shuffling and plenty of gutsy thrashing and clapping, interspersed with light-footed, balletic movements to conjure up fight sequences.
You'll never look at an oil drum in the same way again.

■ **Stomp, Cambridge Corn Exchange, March 13 to 17. For full times and prices, contact (01223) 357851 / *www.cornex.co.uk.***

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Bel Ami (15): Fri-Thu 1.25, 3.50, 6.20, 8.50
The Raven (15): Fri 11.20am, 2, 4.30, 7, 9.30, midnight Sat 9.10am, 11.30am, 2, 4.30, 7, 9.30, midnight Sun 9.10am, 11.30am, 2, 4.30, 7, 9.30 Mon-Tues 11.20am, 2, 4.30, 7, 9.30 Wed 11.20am, 2, 4.30, 7, 9.30, midnight Thu 11.20am, 2, 4.30, 7, 9.30
This Means War (12A): Fri 12noon, 2.20, 4.40, 7.10, 9.35 Sat-Sun 9.40am, 12noon, 2.20, 4.40, 7.10, 9.35 Mon-Thu 12noon, 2.20, 4.40, 7.10, 9.35
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Safe House (15): fri-Sun 12.40, 3.10, 5.45, 8.20 Mon-Thu 11.15am, 1.45, 4.15, 6.45, 9.20
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Journey 2 – The Mysterious Island 2D (PG): Fri 11.10am Sat-Sun 9am, 11.10am Mon-Thu 11.10am
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Project X (18): Fri-Sat 11.15 Wed 11.15
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Journey 2: The Mysterious Island [3D] (PG): Sat-Sun 11.15am, 1.30
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The big film

JOHN CARTER 3D
Certificate12A, 137m

INTENDED as the first instalment of an action-packed trilogy, *John Carter* is a battle beyond the stars based on a novel by Edgar Rice Burroughs.

Oscar-winning director Andrew Stanton's sprawling epic is a miasma of digital effects which attempt to emulate *Avatar* by immersing us in an eye-popping alien world.

Young Edgar Rice Burroughs (Daryl Sabara) is summoned to the home of his beloved uncle and former Confederate soldier John Carter (Taylor Kitsch), who has perished in mysterious circumstances.

Leafing through Carter's cherished journal, Burroughs learns that his uncle sought sanctuary from Apaches in a cave from where he magically transported to Mars where he is captured by the Tharks, a savage race of 15ft tall green warriors with tusks protruding from their mouths.

Tars Tarkas (Willem Dafoe) and his plucky daughter Sola (Samantha Morton) attempt to protect Carter from power-hungry rivals Tal Hajus (Thomas Haden Church) and Sarkoja (Polly Walker).

Meanwhile, Matai Shang (Mark Strong), the leader of the Holy Therns, took charge of the planet's destiny by orchestrating the marriage of Prince Sab Than (Dominic West) of Zodanga and Princess Dejah Thoris (Lynn Collins) of the besieged city of Helium.

The princess protests at the arranged nuptials, despite the pleadings of her father (Ciaran Hinds) and when Dejah captured a glimpse of Carter's rippling chest, her rebellion intensifies.

Opening with a computer-generated aerial battle in one of the sandstorms that rage across the surface of Mars, *John Carter* is a soulless spectacle with the technical wizardry overwhelming one or two flickers of emotion.

Kitsch is devoid of charisma as the eponymous time-travelling soldier, who tips the balance of power in favour of the pacifist good guys by scything through hordes of computer-generated beasts.

A convoluted race-against-time finale neatly tees up a second film in the series, but unless *John Carter* magically strikes box office gold it's doubtful that his adventures will go any further than the closing credits.

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Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG): Sat-Sun 10.05am
A Monster In Paris (U): Sun 10.10am
War Horse (12A): Fri 5.50 Sat-Sun 12.15, 5.50 Mon-Wed 5.50
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Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG): Sat 10am
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Sudoku

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Last week's solution

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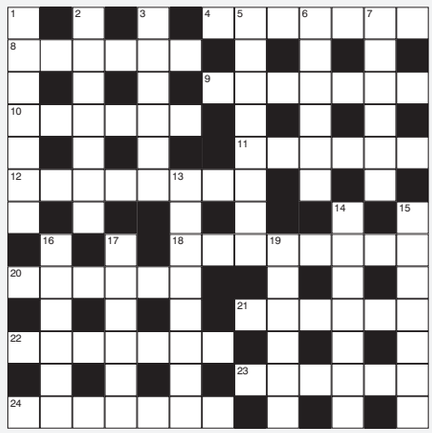

Cryptic clues

Across

4. Particular one found in the wrong places (7)
8. Race track at the airport (6)
9. Doesn't stop me getting involved with various trips (7)
10. It's a kind of wall, so the guinea-pig goes round it (6)
11. Treated violently - stopped work (6)
12. It's no sunny apartment where positive developments take place (4-4)
18. Working garment to fasten in front (8)
20. What the lady wears for the Spanish dance (6)
21. Sounds like a piece of plaited embroidery to fray (6)
22. The money that is required for the club (7)
23. Answer a distress call by a vessel before it's wrecked (6)
24. Pretended to strike, causing Edward to get an outrageous fine first (7)

Down

1. Maybe debar holding the company up for material (7)
2. Roguish behaviour by Jack on the railway (7)
3. Actor's disguised as one of the Twins (6)
5. Coerce a fellow into being a journalist (8)
6. Used when one makes snap decisions (6)
7. Cast in unusual capers (6)
13. Work by different poet is on the facing page (8)
14 And 17 Down. London columnist (7,6)
15. Leaves but no trees in them! (7)
16. The beginning of a change of course (6)
17. See 14 Down
19. Mother returning to the outback to lie in wait (6)

Quick clues

Across

4. Deem (7)
8. Observe (6)
9. Scurry (7)
10. Hawker (6)
11. Cushioned (6)
12. Surly (8)
18. Mocking (8)
20. Jinx (6)
21. Strain (6)
22. Difficulty (7)
23. Charm (6)
24. Barbarity (7)

Down

1. Examine (7)
2. Sports ground (7)
3. Scribble (6)
5. Decode (8)
6. Messy (6)
7. Throat (6)
13. Idle (8)
14. Disregard (7)
15. Characteristic (7)
16. Terror (6)
17. Eatable (6)
19. Child (6)

Last week's solution – Cryptic clues across: 1 Penultimate; 9 Oil; 10 Spinnaker; 11 Squat; 13 Legends; 14 Decked; 16 Breton; 18 Riviera; 19 Asset; 20 Turn about; 21 Jam; 22 Adolescents. **Down:** 2 Ell; 3 Upset; 4 Trifle; 5 Manager; 6 Take notes; 7 Considerate; 8 Present time; 12 Uncovered; 15 Eyeball; 17 Batons; 19 At the; 21 Jet. **Quick clues across:** 1 Malefactors; 9 Yet; 10 Dismantle; 11 Paper; 13 Run-down; 14 Oboist; 16 Detain; 18 Airbase; 19 Quell; 20 Immediate; 21 Ass; 22 Recriminate. **Down:** 2 Act; 3 Elder; 4 Assure; 5 Trainee; 6 Rationale; 7 Symptomatic; 8 Meaningless; 12 Programme; 15 Slander; 17 Becalm; 19 Queen; 21 Ant.

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Spring surprise for mothers

NOW is a perfect time to blow away the cobwebs and venture outdoors – so any Mother's Day presents with an emphasis on the garden will be welcomed by green-fingered enthusiasts.

It doesn't just have to be about gardening chores. Your mum might fancy an inspirational day out for the whole family. With this in mind, a Royal Horticultural Society gift membership may be just the ticket.

RHS gift membership gives the recipient a year of free garden visits to share, *The Garden* magazine monthly, discounted garden show tickets and priority bookings and one-to-one gardening advice from RHS experts. The membership comes wrapped up and ready to give away, so she'll have something to open on the day. (£51, phone 0845 130 4646 or visit *www.rhs.org.uk*)

Of course there's a plethora of more practical gardening gifts, such as sturdy and stylish stainless steel tools including fork and trowel, from Wilkinson Sword. Guaranteed for 10 years, they have weatherproof ash handles and polished stainless

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steel tool heads, while each has a handy leather strap for easy storage (£10.99 each, for more information visit *www.wilkinsonsword-tools.co.uk* or phone 0845 894 1599).

If your mum likes her blades sharp, secateurs, axes and even kitchen knives which have gone blunt may benefit from Fiskars Xsharp axe and knife sharpener, which can be brought inside for sharpening blades in the home as well as used for garden tools. (£13.99, from B&Q, Homebase and many good garden centres and hardware stores).

However, if she loves a bit of romance, invest in the 2012 Rose of the Year from Mattocks, called Rosa Moment in Time (Korcastrav), named to commemorate both the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the 2012 Olympics. The plant, which features dark green glossy leaves, repeat flowers to produce intense ruby red flowers throughout summer.

Performing best in full sun or part shade and fertile, well drained soil, it will reach an eventual height and spread of 60x40cm (£13.99 per five litre pot. For stockist information, visit *www.mattocks.co.uk*).

Keeping roses and other blooms in mind, footwear has now jumped on the bandwagon to offer a range of garden-orientated outdoor shoes in flower prints. Among the best are the selection of flower-print and veg-print shoes made of plastic which won't crack or perish, to simply leave by the back door in case you decide to venture out, priced £18 from *www.backdoorshoes.co.uk*.

Create a warm ambience with lighting and candles. Delightful and enchanting floating rainbow tealight balls will brighten up any pond or water feature. Made from 100 per cent recycled glass, they are hand blown and frost proof (£14.99, visit *www.home2garden.co.uk* or phone 01923 492 947).

If your mum has tired of hanging baskets and wants an alternative way to brighten up outside walls, there is plenty of wall art on the market. Brighten up house walls with some glass bead candle wall art from Gardman (£24.99, *www.gardman.co.uk*. For stockists phone 01406 372 227).

Garden sculpture and eye-catching ornamental pots are ever popular to create a focal point in the garden or add some wow factor to a patio.

A new range of Stewart Garden Aztec planters may fit the bill. They're made of plastic but look like clay and the lower weight makes them easy to pick up and move around the garden when the seasons change, while the non-crack, non-absorbent material means more water gets to the plant instead of the container.

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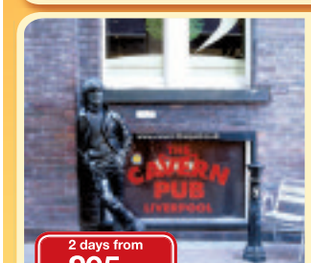

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SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. With Adventurer Bear Grylls.
11.35 Rachel Allen: Home Cooking. Highlights. Last in the series.
12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
12.15 Football Focus.
1.00 Swimming. The British Swimming Championships.
2.00 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Wales v Italy (Kick-off 2.30pm).
4.30 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Ireland v Scotland (Kick-off 5.00pm).
6.55 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.10 Let's Dance for Sport Relief. The line-up comprises presenter Rowland Rivron, Gadget Show duo Suzi Perry and Ortis Deley, comediennes Watson and Oliver, funnyman Patrick Monahan, and former athlete Fatima Whitbread teaming up with entertainment sensations the Cuban Brothers. Music is provided by Will Young and LMFAO.
8.30 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. New series.
9.20 Casualty. Part two of three.
10.10 BBC News; Weather
10.30 Match of the Day. Highlights of today's Premier League clashes, including Bolton Wanderers v Queens Park Rangers and Sunderland v Liverpool; (C) National Lottery Update.
11.40 The Football League Show.
12.55 Weatherview.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Little Robots. 6.10 Lunar Jim. 6.20 Garth and Bev. 6.35 Octonauts. 6.45 Pinky Dinky Doo. 7.00 CBBC: Richard Hammond's Blast Lab. 7.30 Dennis and Gnasher. 7.40 The Scooby-Doo Show. 8.05 Pixelface. 8.35 Prank Patrol Down Under. 9.00 Ultimate Sports Day. 9.30 Helen's Polar Challenge for Sport Relief. 10.00 My Life. 10.30 Trapped. 11.00 Hacker Time. 11.25 OOglies. 11.40 MOTD Kickabout.
12.00 The Sky at Night.
12.40 FILM: In Search of the Castaways (1962). Children's adventure.
2.15 FILM: The War Bride (2001). Wartime drama,.
4.00 Escape to the Country.
4.30 Final Score.
5.30 Flog It!
6.30 Dad's Army.
7.00 The Story of Light Entertainment.
8.00 The Story of Musicals. Popular culture's influence on British musical theatre since the 1990s, from Jason Donovan's West End debut as Joseph to "jukebox musicals" such as Mamma Mia! Last in the series.
9.00 I'm a Pop Star!
10.00 TOTP2: Pop Stars.
11.00 The Sarah Millican Television Programme.
11.30 FILM: The Stepford Wives (2004). Black comedy remake, with Nicole Kidman.
1.00 FILM: Spider (2002).

ITV

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV.
9.25 ITV News.
9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.
10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.
11.20 This Morning: Saturday. Featuring interviews with Andrew Lancel and Goldie Hawn.
12.30 Murder, She Wrote.
1.30 ITV News and Weather
1.40 FILM: Innerspace (1987). A test pilot miniaturised for a scientific experiment is accidentally injected into the body of a hypochondriac. Sci-fi comedy, starring DennisQuaid.
3.55 FILM: Evan Almighty (2007). Comedy sequel to Bruce Almighty, starring Steve Carell.
5.35 Anglia News and Weather.
5.45 ITV News and Weather.
6.00 All Star Family Fortunes.
7.00 All New You've Been Framed!
7.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp.
8.00 Take Me Out. A Team GB athlete, a farmer and a rock musician enter the "love lift" in the hope of impressing 30 single women.
9.00 The Jonathan Ross Show. Kiefer Sutherland discusses following up real-time series 24 with new Sky1 drama Touch.
10.00 ITV News and Weather.
10.15 FILM: The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006). An American teenager living in Japan gets involved in illegal street racing. Action adventure, starring Lucas Black.
12.05 The Zone. Interactive gaming; ITV News Headlines.

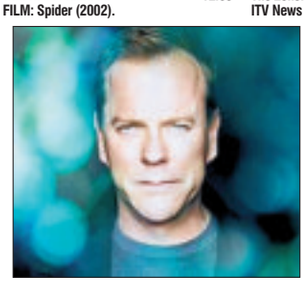
CHANNEL 4

6.05 Sali Mali.
6.10 The Hoobs.
6.35 The Grid.
7.00 Live Athletics. The World Indoor Championships.
8.00 The Morning Line.
9.00 Live Athletics.
10.30 T4: New Girl. 11.00 Charlie's Angels. 11.55 The Big Bang Theory. 12.25 The Big Bang Theory. 12.50 The Simpsons. 1.25 The Simpsons.
1.55 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Sandown Park and Wolverhampton.
4.05 Channel 4 News.
4.25 4thought.tv. (T)
4.30 Come Dine with Me. From Peterborough. Also 5, 5.35, 6 and 6.35.
7.05 Come Date with Me. The romantic Come Dine with Me spin-off returns as bachelors Steve Greensted, Frankie Borrell, Adam Elabdaly and Sam Kirby compete for the affections of 26-year-old Elle Bretagne.
8.00 Big Fat Gypsy Weddings. Travellers who have found romance outside their own community.
9.00 The Bank Job.
10.30 FILM: Orphan (2009). A couple adopt a nine-year-old Russian girl but the wife begins to suspect the child may be dangerously disturbed. Horror, with Vera Farmiga.
12.45 The Secret Policeman's Ball 2012.

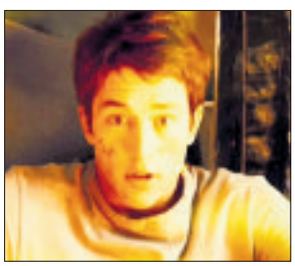
CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Fifi and the Flowertots. 6.15 City of Friends. 6.30 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. 6.40 Castle Farm. 6.45 Igam Ogam. 6.55 Roobarb and Custard Too. 7.05 Bananas in Pyjamas. 7.20 Family! 7.25 Make Way for Noddy. 7.40 Mio Mao. 7.45 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. 7.55 Little Princess. 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. 8.30 Angelina Ballerina. 8.45 Rupert Bear. 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. 9.15 The Mr Men Show. 9.30 Roary the Racing Car. 9.40 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. 10.00 Animal Rescue Squad. 10.20 Police Interceptors. 11.20 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers.
12.25 FILM: Madron (1970).
2.15 FILM: Blood Alley (1955). Action adventure, starring John Wayne.
4.30 FILM: The Green Berets (1968). Vietnam War adventure, starring John Wayne.
7.15 5 News Weekend.
7.20 NCIS. Also 8.15.
9.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. One of Langston's former students is found dead.
10.10 CSI: NY. A party ends in tragedy when the hostess is killed in what appears to be an accident, and Danville takes on the case of a serial rapist who previously eluded her.
11.10 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.
12.05 SuperCasino.

Top Gear
BBC2, Sunday, 8pm.



The Jonathan Ross Show
ITV1, Saturday, 9pm.



The Final Destination
Channel 4, Sunday, 10pm.

Layer Cake
Channel 5, Sunday, 9pm.

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
7.45 Match of the Day.
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00 The Big Questions.
11.00 Sunday Politics (C) Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.05 Match of the Day Live. Middlesbrough v Leeds United (Kick-off 12.15pm).
2.30 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. France v England (Kick-off 3.00pm).
5.10 Songs of Praise.
5.45 Land Girls. Ellen receives a tempting offer.
6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Countryfile. Includes Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow.
9.00 Upstairs Downstairs. Spargo signs up for a boxing tournament to impress Beryl, only to be told he is too old for the ring, so he recruits Johnny as his protege. However, he ends up teaching his friend fighting skills of a different kind when he receives his call-up papers. Hallam becomes distracted by his desire for another woman – and makes a dangerous decision that will change his life for ever.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Room 101 – Extra Storage.
11.05 Would I Lie to You?
11.35 The Celebrity Apprentice USA.
1.40 Weatherview.
1.45 Sign Zone: Film 2012

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Little Robots. 6.10 Lunar Jim. 6.20 Garth and Bev. 6.35 Octonauts. 6.45 Pinky Dinky Doo. 7.00 CBBC: Richard Hammond's Blast Lab. 7.30 Dennis and Gnasher. 7.40 The Scooby-Doo Show. (C) The Owl. 8.05 Paradise Cafe. 8.30 Wingin' It. (C) Deadly 60 Bites. 9.00 Friday Download. 10.00 Shaun the Sheep.
10.05 Flog It!
11.05 Escape to the Country.
12.05 EastEnders. Omnibus.
2.00 FILM: The Mosquito Coast (1986). Drama, starring Harrison Ford.
3.50 FILM: First Knight (1995). Arthurian adventure.
6.00 I'm a Pop Star! The third documentary focuses on life as a solo singer. Last in the series.
7.00 World's Most Dangerous Roads. Ben Fogle and Hugh Dennis undertake a perilous journey through the Peruvian Andes.
8.00 Top Gear.
9.00 Orbit: Earth's Extraordinary Journey.
10.00 Match of the Day 2. Colin Murray reviews the day's Premier League action.
11.10 Rugby Union: Six Nations highlights.
11.55 FILM: A Boy Called Dad (2009). Premiere. Drama, starring Ian Hart and Kyle Ward.
1.15 FILM: The Wackness (2008). Comedy drama, starring Ben Kingsley.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV.
9.25 ITV News.
9.30 Ade in Britain.
10.30 May the Best House Win.
11.30 Dickinson's Real Deal.
12.30 ITV News and Weather.
12.40 Murder, She Wrote.
1.45 FILM: Columbo Goes to College (1991).
3.40 Midsomer Murders. When a teacher is killed in a hit-and-run, Barnaby suspects the intended target was a Midsomer University science fellow.
5.40 Anglia News and Weather.
5.55 ITV News and Weather.
6.10 You've Been Framed!
6.40 Harry Hill's TV Burp.
7.15 Dancing on Ice. Last week Coronation Street star Andy Whyment was voted off the show following a skate-off against Chemmy Alcott. Now, the five remaining celebrities incorporate props into their routines as they battle for places in next week's semi-final. The results can be seen at 9.30pm.
8.30 Wild at Heart.
9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off.
10.05 ITV News and Weather; Local Weather.
10.20 Whitechapel. Part two of two. Miles and Chandler struggle to put aside their differences.
11.15 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union. Highlights of the semi-finals cup competition.
12.10 The Zone; ITV News Headlines.

CHANNEL 4

6.25 The Hoobs. 6.50 The Hoobs.
7.20 That Paralympic Show.
7.45 Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered.
8.10 T4: The Crush. 8.45 Everybody Loves Raymond. 9.20 Frasier. 9.55 The Big Bang Theory. 10.25 The Big Bang Theory. 10.55 The Simpsons.
11.30 T4: Channel 4 Presents – 2012: David Clarke – Part Two.
11.35 Live Athletics. The World Indoor Championships.
4.00 The Simpsons.
4.30 Deal or No Deal.
5.30 Come Dine with Me. Four amateur cooks from Cardiff compete.
6.30 Channel 4 News.
7.00 4thought.tv.
7.05 Home of the Future. The Pereras try a selection of health-related gadgets, including post-workout suits that aim to reduce fatigue. Last in the series.
8.00 Searching for Shakespeare's House: A Time Team Special.
9.00 Homeland.
10.00 FILM: The Final Destination (2009). Horror sequel, starring Bobby Campo and Shantel VanSanten.
11.40 FILM: Wolf (1994). An ageing publisher feels more aggressive and confident after being bitten by a wolf, but is also turning into a monster. Romantic horror, with Jack Nicholson and Michelle Pfeiffer.
2.00 The Big Bang Theory.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. 6.25 City of Friends. 6.35 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. 6.50 Castle Farm. 6.55 Igam Ogam. 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. 7.15 Bananas in Pyjamas. 7.25 Family! 7.35 Make Way for Noddy. 7.45 Mio Mao. 7.50 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. 8.00 Little Princess. 8.15 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. 8.30 Angelina Ballerina. 8.45 Rupert Bear. 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. 9.10 The Mr Men Show. 9.25 Roary the Racing Car. 9.40 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. 10.00 Grey's Anatomy. 10.55 Stansted: The Inside Story. 11.55 Cowboy Builders.
12.55 FILM: Sabrina the Teenage Witch (1996). Supernatural comedy.
2.45 FILM: Cheaper By the Dozen (2003). Family comedy remake.
4.35 FILM: Are We There Yet? (2005). Family comedy.
6.20 FILM: Men in Black II (2002). Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith.
8.00 Big Body Squad.
8.55 5 News.
9.00 FILM: Layer Cake (2004). Crime thriller, with Daniel Craig. Includes 5 News Update.
11.10 FILM: The Boys from Brazil (1978). Thriller, starring Laurence Olivier.
1.35 SuperCasino.

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A double garage and driveway is also provided, as is an attractive rear garden.

This property is on the market for a guide price of £335,000.

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Beautiful period property is ideal for a family

SITUATED in Main Street, Witchford, is this fantastic period property, offering attractive accommodation which would be ideal for a family.

The house is detached and set within well-maintained grounds. It is on the market for £775,000.

Inside, the accommodation consists of an entrance hall, cloakroom, drawing room, dining room, further sitting room, kitchen, master bedroom with en suite, three further bedrooms and a main bathroom.

There are period details throughout, including open fireplaces and original beams.

Outside, there is an office and further outbuilding, and the gardens themselves are laid mostly to lawn, with mature trees and shrubs plus a vegetable plot. Parking is also provided.

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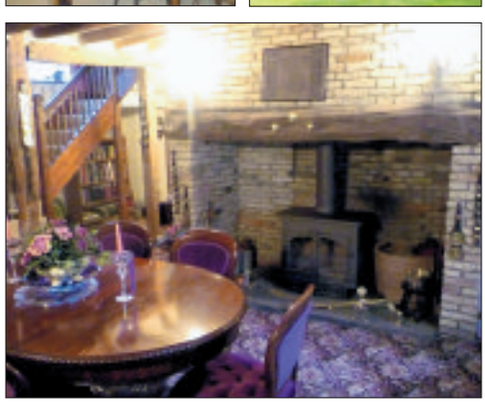

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- 2 allocated parking spaces
- Ideal first buy or investment

WILBURTON — £162,950

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- Allocated parking
- No onward chain

WITCHAM — £215,000

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- Lounge
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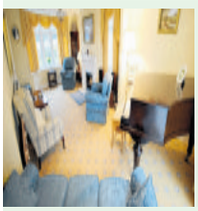
A modern detached family house situated in an established highly regarded residential location. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, conservatory, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, double garage, driveway and gardens.



Ely **£495,000**
An imposing immaculately presented detached residence offering substantial accommodation and situated close to the City centre and schools with entrance hallway, kitchen/breakfast room, further kitchen area, utility, cloakroom, 3 receptions, 5 bedrooms (1 ensuite), double garage and gardens.

NEW

Ely **£189,950**
A rare opportunity to purchase a modern central city home ideally located for access to the many city amenities and mainline railway station. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, garage, parking and gardens.

Wilburton **£490,000**
A superb detached residence comprising reception hall, shower room, dining/family room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, study, garden room, lounge, 4 bedrooms (2 ensuite), bathroom, triple garage, driveway, gardens.

Sutton **£490,000**
A substantial period property offering versatile accommodation comprising entrance hall, 4 reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, cellar, 5 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom & attic room comprising bedroom/sitting area, together with driveway, single garage & extensive mature gardens.

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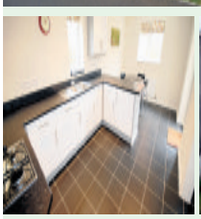
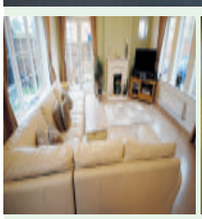
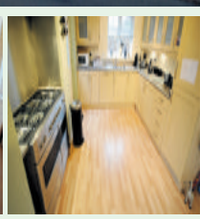


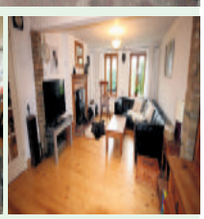
Ely **£265,000**
A spacious detached home comprising entrance hall, lounge, separate dining room, spacious kitchen with breakfast area, utility, 4 bedrooms (master with dressing room and ensuite) and family bathroom. Outside there are gardens, driveway and double garage. No upward chain. Viewing Recommended.

NEW PRICE

Littleport **£239,950**
A distinctive modern detached home with spacious accommodation & unique features. Hall, utility/cloakroom, spacious lounge, superb kitchen/dining room, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, gardens & driveway.

NEW PRICE



Sutton **£239,950**
An established detached family home offering versatile accommodation situated close to the centre of this popular village. Kitchen/family room, utility, lounge, gf bathroom, 4 ff bedrooms (2 ensuite), garage, parking, gardens.

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NEW

Littleport **£164,950**
A character cottage retaining a wealth of features situated close to the centre of Littleport. Lounge, dining room, breakfast room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, garage & rear garden. No chain.

SHARED EQUITY

Ely **£94,950**
A 2 bedroom shared equity (76%) terraced home situated in a popular City location. Accommodation includes entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, gardens and parking.

NEW PRICE

Ely **Guide Price £249,950**
A spacious modern detached home in popular location. Entrance hall, cloakroom, utility, superb refitted kitchen opening to dining/family room, spacious lounge, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, garden, driveway, garage.

Littleport **£159,950**
A superbly presented semi detached house with hallway, lounge, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, 3 bedrooms (master bedroom with ensuite) & family bathroom, together with single garage, driveway & gardens.

NEW PRICE

Little Downham **£139,950**
A modern end terrace property ideally suited to first time buyers or investment purchasers. Hall cloakroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, gardens, parking & carport. No upward chain.

NEW PRICE

Soham **£144,950**
A detached bungalow situated in a highly regarded residential location. Includes entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, shower room, single garage, driveway parking and gardens.

Littleport **£285,000**
A superbly presented extended detached family home situated in a non estate location. The property includes 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), gas central heating, double galzing, garage, extensive parking and gardens.

Littleport **£195,000**
A deceptively spacious, extended detached cottage. Lounge, dining room, spacious study, modern kitchen, gf shower room, 3 double bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, attractive landscaped gardens in excess of 80'.

NEW PRICE

Little Downham **£178,000**
A contemporary detached bungalow in a small residential development. Includes open plan lounge/dining room & kitchen, 2 dble bedrooms (1 ensuite), gardens, driveway & cartlodge. No upward chain.

Witchford **£215,000**
A modern detached home in a popular cul de sac. Entrance hall, lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, office/play room, 3 double bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, mature gardens, driveway.

Haddenham **£299,950**
Situated close to the centre of this popular village, this family home offers versatile accommodation. Superb kitchen/family room, 3 receptions, gf cloakroom, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, double garage, gardens.

Witcham **£495,000**
A highly individual detached home finished to a high specification in a plot of approx. 1/4 acre (sts). Substantial accommodation, superb kitchen/breakfast room, 3 receptions, conservatory, 5 bedrooms, double garage.

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NEW PRICE

Littleport **£179,950**

A well presented 3 bedroom link detached house with comprising entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, garage, driveway & gardens.

Littleport **£235,950**

Deceptively spacious bungalow in a quiet lane close to the centre of the village. Hall, 2 receptions, spacious kitchen, breakfast room, utility, cloakroom, boot room, office, 3 double bedrooms, superb bathroom, driveway, gardens.

NEW PRICE

Ely **£219,000**

A well presented centrally located 3 bedroom City home within close proximity to Ely's Mainline Railway Station with garage, parking and garden.

Ely **£475,000**

Situated in a superb city location this highly individual detached family home has an entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, family room, utility room, lounge, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), double garage, parking, gardens.

NEW PRICE

Ely **£224,950**

An immaculately presented mews style townhouse with hall, utility, gf bedroom with ensuite, ff lounge, kitchen, dining room, cloakroom, sf 3 bedrooms (master with dressing room & ensuite), driveway, garage & gardens.

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Southery **£250,000**

A character 4 bedroom home set in grounds of approximately 3 1/4 acres with yard, barn and paddocks offering an excellent opportunity for those having an equestrian interest.

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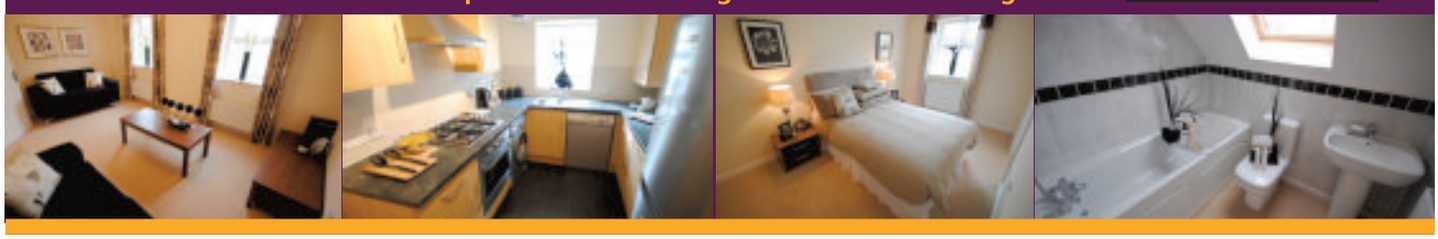

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NEW

WILLIAMS CLOSE, ELY
£1,250 pcm
Modern and well presented four bedroom detached house in a highly regarded location. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, living room, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, utility room, master bedroom with ensuite, three further bedrooms and a family bathroom. The property has gas central heating, double glazing, enclosed garden and garage.

VICTORIA STREET, LITTLEPORT
£725 pcm
Double fronted semi detached house close to the town centre offering versatile accommodation comprising entrance hall, lounge, impressive kitchen/breakfast room, dining room/bedroom four, ground floor shower room, three first floor bedrooms and a family bathroom. The property has gas heating, double glazing and garden to rear. Furnishings negotiable.

CITY ROAD, LITTLEPORT
£1,100 pcm
Brand new detached house offering spacious family accommodation comprising entrance hall, kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, study, dining room, lounge with feature fireplace, master bedroom with dressing room and ensuite shower room, bedroom two with ensuite shower room, two further bedrooms and a bathroom. Garden, garage and drive. Available now.

CHELMER WAY, ELY
£1,095 pcm
Modern townhouse on this popular development to the north of the City. Accommodation to the ground floor comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, dining room and kitchen/breakfast room with integrated cooker and French doors to garden. Accommodation to the first floor comprises living room with feature fireplace and two bedrooms. Accommodation to the second floor comprises the master suite, bedroom two and family bathroom. Gas central heating, double glazing, enclosed rear garden, garage and parking.

ALLEN ROAD, ELY
£1,250 pcm
Wwell presented four bedroom modern detached house with two reception rooms, gas heating, double glazing, garden and garage. Available now.

FOREHILL, ELY
£1,100 pcm
Substantial four bedroom townhouse located in the City centre with gas central heating, courtyard garden and off road parking to the rear.

NEW

MILL CORNER, SOHAM
£775 pcm
Detached three bedroom cottage with conservatory, outbuildings and gardens to front and rear. Available beginning May.

NEW

ALTHORPE COURT, ELY
£750 pcm
Modern three bedroom detached house with conservatory, gas heating, double glazing, enclosed garden, garage and driveway.

PEACOCK WAY, LITTLEPORT
£650 pcm
Newly refurbished three bedroom semi detached house with gas central heating, enclosed garden, garage and driveway. Available now.

STATION ROAD, TEN MILE BANK
£650 pcm
Brand new semi detached house in a rural location with three bedrooms (one ensuite), oil central heating, garden to rear and double carport. Available now.

QUAYSIDE, ELY
£625 pcm
Three bedroom flat ideally located for the City centre, riverside and rail station. The property has gas central heating. Available mid March.

NEW

FITZGERALD CLOSE, ELY
£600 pcm
Modern two bedroom terraced house with gas central heating enclosed rear garden and garage. Available mid April.

NEW

KINGSMEAD COURT, LITTLEPORT
pcm
Newly refurbished two bedroom semi detached house in cul-de-sac location with gas heating, garden, garage and driveway. Available now.

NEW

HIGH STREET, SUTTON
£550 pcm
Part furnished self contained one bedroom detached barn annexe with private off road parking, garden and electric heating. Single professional.

LYNN ROAD, ELY
£550 pcm
Modern semi detached three bedroom house with gas central heating, enclosed rear garden and off road parking.

FOREHILL, ELY
£500 pcm
Well presented one bedroom second floor flat in City centre with Cathedral views. Single professional only. Water rates included.

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NEW PRICE

WILBURTON

An immaculate and extremely well presented detached property situated within a prime location in this highly regarded village.

4 bedrooms, en suite, dressing area, bathroom, 3 reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, conservatory, oil fired central heating, double glazing, garage, driveway and garden.

£349,995

NEW

ELY

An imposing townhouse situated in a highly sought after development within the catchment area for the Lantern Primary School.

4 bedrooms, Jack & Jill shower room, bathroom, cloakroom, sitting room, kitchen, reception/dining hall, utility room, garage and garden. No upward chain.

£249,950

LITTLEPORT

A beautifully presented detached family home situated in a quiet cul de sac location on the outskirts of this thriving village.

4 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, conservatory, double glazing, gas fuelled heating, garage and off road parking.

£214,950

NEW

QUEEN ADELAIDE — £425,000

An individually designed detached home offering substantial accommodation situated on a substantial plot in the hamlet of Queen Adelaide, just a mile from the City of Ely.

5 bedrooms, en suite, bedroom currently used as games room, bathroom, study, 4 reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, salon, garage, off road parking, oil fired heating, double glazing, detached timber stable with tack room and approx 1/3 acre plot.

NEW

WILBURTON — £359,950

A well presented detached family home situated within the highly regarded village of Wilburton.

5 bedrooms, shower room, 2 en suites, lounge, dining room, family/TV room, kitchen, utility room, conservatory and dining area, oil fired central heating, double glazing, gardens and garage with ample parking.

NEW PRICE

LITTLEPORT

An investment opportunity to acquire a detached property split into four, two bedroom flats situated within the centre of the town and walking distance of the mainline railway station.

4 flats, communal entrance hall, all flats having, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, lounge, parking, gas fuelled heating and double glazing.

£299,950

NEW PRICE

ELY

An immaculate and recently built townhouse situated on the 'Cathedral View' development and is offered with no upward chain.

4 bedrooms, en suite facilities, bathroom, study/bedroom 4, kitchen, dining room, lounge, gas central heating, double glazing, integral garage, driveway and garden. No upward chain.

£225,500

ELY

A rare opportunity to acquire a detached family home situated in an exclusive location close to the A10 Cambridge road network and the City Centre.

4 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, conservatory, gas fuelled heating, double glazing, garage, off road parking and garden.

£214,950

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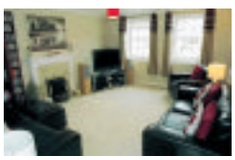

ELY

£209,950

A deceptively spacious home, well presented throughout and located within easy walking distance of the Lantern Primary School and the City Centre.

3 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, cloakroom, dining room, kitchen, lounge, double glazing, gas fuelled heating, garden, garage and off road parking.

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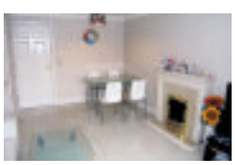

ELY

£184,950

A 'Norbury' design townhouse providing versatile living accommodation with a garage and parking, ideally suited for first time buyers or a small family. No upward chain.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge/dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, double glazing, gas fuelled heating, garage, off road parking and garden.

SUTTON

A detached bungalow conveniently located close to the centre of this thriving village and a short walk from the primary school.

3 bedrooms, loft room, bathroom, en suite bathroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, double glazing, gas fuelled heating, off road parking and garden.

£209,950

LITTLEPORT

A detached family home offering bright and spacious accommodation situated in a quiet cul de sac benefiting from views across open farmland towards Ely Cathedral.

4 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, utility room, garage, off road parking and garden.

£194,950

WICKEN

A rare opportunity to purchase a semi detached cottage, in a quiet country lane, in the popular village of Wicken.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge/dining room, kitchen, study, downstairs wc, oil central heating, garage/workshop and garden. No upward chain.

£185,000

NEW PRICE

WITCHFORD

A modern three bedroom semi detached home offering no upward chain.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, en suite shower room, lounge, dining room, kitchen, gas central heating, garage, driveway and garden.

£174,950

NEW

LITTLEPORT

A spacious and well planned detached bungalow located on a good size plot within easy walking distance of the village centre.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge/dining room, kitchen, double glazing, gas central heating, gardens and garden.

£174,950

LITTLEPORT

A modern three bedroom detached house located in a central position within the village only a short walk to all local amenities.

3 bedrooms, shower room, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, dining room, gas central heating, off road parking, please not there is no rear garden with this property.

£167,950

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RESIDENTIAL SALES

LITTLE DOWNHAM

A spacious and extended semi detached house within a cul de sac in this highly regarded village.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, separate shower room, lounge, kitchen, dining room, double glazing, gas fuelled heating, garage and garden.

£159,950

NEW PRICE

WITCHFORD

An exceptionally well presented two bedroom semi detached bungalow overlooking a small greenward area and enjoying a village location.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, sitting room, kitchen, double glazing, oil central heating, garage and garden.

£144,950

NEW

SUTTON

A well presented property ideal for first time or investment buyers situated within a central village location close to local amenities.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, gas fuelled heating, double glazing, off road parking and enclosed low maintenance rear garden.

£129,950

NEW

ELY

An ideal opportunity for a first time or investment purchaser to acquire a well presented one bedroom ground floor apartment with allocated parking.

Double bedroom, bathroom, lounge, L-shaped fitted kitchen, communal entrance hall, double glazing, electric heating and allocated parking space. No upward chain.

£109,950

NEW PRICE

SUTTON

A coach house style property an ideal first time buy or investment property situated in an established estate close to the village amenities.

1 bedroom, downstairs bathroom, open plan lounge/dining/kitchen, entrance lobby, electric heating and 2 parking spaces. No upward chain.

£89,950

NEW

LITTLEPORT

A spacious first floor apartment convenient for local shops and the railway station offering an ideal investment opportunity.

2 double bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, kitchen, gas central heating and covered car port.

£72,950

NEW

ELY — £164,950

A well presented mid terrace situated in a central quiet cul de sac location within the City of Ely just a short walk from the centre and mainline railway station.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, electric heating, double glazing, garden and allocated parking.

NEW

LITTLEPORT — £149,950

An exceptional home which offers spacious and bright living accommodation situated in a prominent position within this popular residential development.

3 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, cloakroom, lounge/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, double glazing, gas central heating and 2 off road parking spaces.

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WILBURTON

A spacious detached 5 bedroom family home located in the village of Wilburton providing easy access to the A10.

Entrance hall leading to lounge, study, the kitchen/family room, doors to rear garden, utility room. Master bedroom with en suite and built in wardrobes, second bedroom with en suite, two further double bedrooms with built in wardrobes and one single bedroom. Family bathroom. Enclosed rear garden, double garage and parking. GCH. Part furnished.

£1,600 PCM

NORFOLK ROAD, ELY

A spacious five bedroom detached property located to the south of the City Centre, giving excellent access to the A10 and within the catchment areas for St John's Primary School.

The property provides lounge with fireplace and patio doors, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, study downstairs cloakroom. Master bedroom with dressing area leading to en suite, four further bedrooms and a family bathroom. GCH. Enclosed rear garden with patio area. Double garage and drive. Unfurnished.

£1,250 PCM

WITCHFORD ROAD, ELY

A spacious four bedroom detached property in a great location to the West of Ely, providing great access to the A10 and the city centre.

The property comprises of entrance hall, downstairs w/c, lounge with feature fireplace, kitchen with pantry, utility cupboard, three double bedrooms, two with built-in wardrobes, one single bedroom and a family bathroom. Large garage and ample driveway parking. Enclosed rear landscaped garden. Unfurnished.

£1,200 PCM

LITTLEPORT

A three storey, five bedroom property on a popular development in Littleport, just 4 miles from Ely and providing easy access to the rail station and A10.

The property offers kitchen/breakfast room, with built in gas hob/electric oven, fridge/freezer and dishwasher, utility room, downstairs w/c, lounge, BR1 with built in wardrobes and en-suite to first floor, BR2 with built in wardrobe, three further bedrooms and bathroom. GCH. Enclosed rear garden. Car barn to rear. Unfurnished.

£1,175 PCM

CARDINALS WAY, ELY

A well presented three bedroom townhouse in a sought after city centre location, within walking distance to the rail station and providing easy access to the A10 and A142.

The property comprises of kitchen/diner with range cooker, separate dining room. Downstairs w/c. Lounge. Family bathroom with bath, WC and basin. Master and second bedroom with built in wardrobe and ensuite. Third bedroom with built-in wardrobe. GCH. Garden-Enclosed courtyard garden. Parking- garage and driveway. Unfurnished.

£995 PCM

STOUR GREEN, ELY

A three storey four bedroom townhouse in this sought after area in an excellent location for the Lantern Primary School and within walking distance to the city centre.

The property offers entrance hall, downstairs w/c, study, kitchen with built-in gas hob & electric oven, separate dining room. Lounge, master bedroom with en-suite and wardrobes, two further double bedrooms, a single bedroom and family bathroom. Enclosed rear garden laid to lawn with decking area. GCH. Garage and one parking space. Unfurnished.

£950 PCM

WITCHFORD

An impressive four bedroom detatched family home located in the popular village of Witchford.

The property is well presented throughout and offers three double bedrooms with en-suite to the master bedroom. A single fourth bedroom and family bathroom. Lounge. Dining room. Kitchen with built in gas hob and double electric oven. Utility room. Rear enclosed garden. Parking - paved driveway and single garage. GCH. Unfurnished.

£900 PCM

MERIVALE WAY, ELY

A well presented three bedroom end terrace townhouse located just off the popular Kings Avenue development in Ely.

The property comprises of kitchen with built-in electric oven and gas hob, utility room, dining room and shower room on the ground floor. Lounge and bedroom to first floor. Master bedroom with en-suite, second bedroom and family bathroom to second floor. Enclosed rear garden, GCH. Garage en-bloc. Unfurnished.

£875 PCM

LITTLEPORT

A delightful detached four bedroom property situated on this modern development in Littleport providing excellent access Ely and the A10.

The well presented property comprises of lounge, large kitchen/dining room with built-in oven and hob, two double bedrooms with en-suite to master and two single bedrooms, family bathroom. GCH. Good size garden laid to lawn. Double garage. Unfurnished.

£850 PCM

THE CHASE, ELY

A well presented three bedroom bungalow situated in a sought after location on the West side of the city providing excellent access to the A10 and to the city centre.

This neutrally decorated property offers entrance hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, family bathroom. GCH. Front garden and large rear garden with shed. Large driveway parking. Unfurnished.

£850 PCM

JOHN AMNER CLOSE, ELY

A spacious and conveniently located three bedroom detached property close to the city centre and providing easy access to the rail station.

The property comprises of lounge with feature, dining room, lean to conservatory, kitchen with cooker and hob, master bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Low maintenance garden. Large driveway and garage. GCH. Unfurnished.

£775 PCM

LITTLEPORT

A four bedroom mid-terraced property on this popular development in Littleport offering great access to the A10.

The property comprises of lounge/diner, kitchen with appliances, w/c. Three bedrooms to the first floor, one with en-suite and built-in wardrobes, family bathroom. Master bedroom with en-suite and built-in wardrobes to second floor. GCH. Rear garden laid to lawn. Two parking spaces. Unfurnished.

£750 PCM

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KINGS AVENUE, ELY

A modern three bedroom townhouse situated in this popular development to the North of Ely.

The property benefits from three double bedrooms, with en-suite to the master and a further family bathroom. Well presented kitchen with built in gas hob and electric oven, living/dining room and small rear lawned garden. GCH. Single garage and one off road parking space. Unfurnished.

£750 PCM

BOHEMOND STREET, ELY

A well presented two bedroom cottage in a quiet location, within walking distance of the city centre and providing easy access to the railway station.

This spacious property provides a lounge/diner with open fireplace, kitchen with built in electric hob/oven, space for fridge/freezer, utility area with plumbing for a washing machine. Ground floor bathroom. Upstairs are two bedrooms. GCH. Enclosed rear garden. Unfurnished.

£650 PCM

SILVER STREET, ELY

A two bedroom period property, located in an excellent City Centre location and within walking distance to the river and rail station.

The property comprises of lounge, dining room with large understairs cupboard, kitchen with built in gas hob/electric oven, dishwasher, plumbing for washing machine and space for fridge, bathroom, two double bedrooms and attic storage room. Neutrally decorated throughout. GCH. Enclosed rear garden with shed. Unfurnished.

£650 PCM

BRAYS LANE, ELY

An improved two bedroom end terrace house, a short walk from the City Centre, River and railway station.

The property offers a recently fitted kitchen with built in electric hob and oven, washing machine and fridge, lounge, bathroom and two bedrooms, all recently decorated and carpeted. Electric heating. Enclosed rear Courtyard. One allocated parking. Unfurnished.

£635 PCM

QUAYSIDE, ELY

A three bedroom apartment located next to the river providing easy access to the Station and the Town centre.

The property comprises of lounge with beamed ceiling, kitchen with cooker and space for fridge and washing machine, three bedrooms and family bathroom. Neutrally decorated throughout. GCH. Unfurnished.

£625 PCM

KINGS AVENUE, ELY

A modern property with two double bedrooms, located to the North of the City giving easy access to the Princes of Wales Hospital and the City Centre.

The property provides two bedrooms, bathroom, lounge/diner with doors to garden, cloakroom and kitchen with built in gas hob and electric cooker, space for washing machine and fridge freezer. GCH. Rear garden with patio area. Garage and driveway. Unfurnished.

£625 PCM

ASH GROVE, ELY

A two bedroom end terrace house situated in a quiet cul-de-sac in Ely.

The property comprises of kitchen, lounge, lean to conservatory, two double bedrooms and bathroom with shower over bath. Neutrally decorated throughout, enclosed rear garden, GCH and new double glazing. Allocated parking for 2 cars. Unfurnished.

£595 PCM

LITTLEPORT

A charming and nicely presented 2/3 bedroom cottage in the heart of Littleport, within walking distance to local amenities and providing easy access to the A10.

Lounge/diner with decorative fireplace. Kitchen with built in electric hob and oven, plumbing for washing machine, dishwasher and space for fridge. Bathroom. Family room/BR3 with french doors to rear garden. Two bedrooms. GCH. Front and enclosed rear garden with raised patio area. Driveway parking. Unfurnished.

£595 PCM

WITCHFORD

A well presented, modern fully furnished two bedroom semi detached house in the popular Village of Witchford, providing easy access to A10 & A142

The property offers a kitchen with all appliances and lounge to ground floor. Two bedrooms and bathroom to first floor. Neutral decor. GCH. Front and rear gardens. Garage and driveway parking. Furnished.

£595 PCM

KINGS AVENUE, ELY

A well presented two bedroom first floor flat on the popular Kings Avenue development, in an excellent location and providing easy access to the A10.

The property offers lounge, kitchen with built in electric hob/oven, fridge/freezer and plumbing for washing machine. Two bedrooms. Bathroom with shower over bath. Newly decorated throughout. Parking- one allocated space. Unfurnished.

£575 PCM

HIGH STREET, ELY

A spacious one bedroom first floor flat located on the High Street within the City Centre and excellently located for the railway station.

The property offers kitchen/diner with electric hob and oven. Bathroom with over bath shower, wc and basin. Views of the Cathedral. Neutrally decorated throughout with GCH. Unfurnished.

£535 PCM

COLLIER CLOSE, ELY

A recently redecorated modern four bedroom detached house located in a quiet street within the catchment area for St Johns Primary School.

Lounge and dining room, kitchen/breakfast room and a downstairs cloakroom. Bedroom 1 has built in wardrobes and an en-suite shower room, three further bedrooms and the family bathroom. Enclosed rear garden, single garage and double car port. Unfurnished.

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A beautifully presented, substantial, five bedroom detached residence extended and improved to a high specification throughout which lies in a sought after cul de sac location a little over a mile from the City Centre. Ent. Hall, 4 Reception Rooms, Kitchen/Breakfast Room With Aga, Garage.

O/A £490,000

MEPAL — Guide Price £219,950

A modern well presented detached three bedroom bungalow tucked away within a small group of properties in this popular village location.

ELY — O/A £220,000

An attractive modern three bedroom deatched house with garage and gardens situated in a popular cul de sac development about half a mile from the City Centre.

SUTTON

A particularly well appointed double fronted two bedroom semi detached property which lies within a popular cul de sac development in this sought after village location. Ent. Hall, Dual Aspect Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Cloakroom, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage and Off Street Parking.

O/A £158,950

WITCHFORD

An attractive well appointed modern bay fronted three bedroom semi detached house situated towards the end of this highly regarded cul de sac development in this popular village. Ent. Hall, Dual Aspect Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, En-Suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Garage, Enclosed 40' Rear Garden.

O/A £178,950

ELY — £154,950

An established, 1920s built, three bedroom terraced cottage with a 160 rear garden which lies in a convenient position less than a mile from the City Centre.

PYMOOR — O/A £165,000

An exceptional well presented extended semi detached three bedroom period cottage with far reaching views over open farmland.

NEW

ELY

An extremely well presented three bedroom double fronted semi detached house which lies adjacent to an amenity green in this sought after cul de sac development. Ent. Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, En-Suite Shower Room, Front and Rear Gardens, Driveway Parking.

O/A £189,950

NEW

ELY
O/A £265,000

A well presented three bedroom detached bungalow which lies in a highly sought after location just off the Market Square in the centre of the City. Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room (formerly bathroom), Gas Central Heating, 60' Rear Garden, Driveway Parking for up to Three vehicles.

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ELY O/A £159,000

An established 1920's built three bedroom end of terrace house with a 160' rear garden, which lies in a convenient position close to local schools and less than a mile from the City Centre.

PRICKWILLOW O/A £189,950

A brand new individually designed three bedroom detached property with far reaching countryside views presently under construction by a well respected local developer.

ELY O/A £225,000

A modern attractive four bedroom detached property with garage and driveway tucked away in a convenient cul de sac situation close to St. John's School around a mile from the city centre.

SOHAM O/A £275,000

A charming modernised 4 bedroom detached cottage with deceptively spacious and versatile accommodation tucked away in a convenient location close to the town centre.

BARWAY O/A £275,000

A delightful, detached, four bedroom period cottage which lies in a rural position towards the end of this small desirable hamlet close to the river and open countryside.

LITTLEPORT Guide Price £197,000

A well proportioned three bedroom detached bungalow which lies on a good size plot close to amenities in this well served village location.

WARDY HILL O/A £185,000

An attractive recently renovated 3 bedroom, double fronted detached period cottage which lies in this small village location a little over 5 miles from Ely.

ELY O/A £147,000

A well appointed detached coach house two bedroom apartment with the rare benefit of a 40 rear garden tucked away off the drive in this popular modern development.

Ely Rentals

WITCHFORD £1,250pcm

A spacious modern five bedroom detatched house with a double garage situated in a small select cul de sac convenient for the village amenities.

Available Immediately - Unfurnished

ELY £625pcm

A two bedroom mid terrace house with double glazing, gas central heating and enclosed rear garden and off street parking.

Available Beg of April - Unfurnished

WILBURTON £675pcm

A purpose built two bedroom first floor apartment which offers well planned living accommodation in a sought after village location.

Available Beg. March - Unfurnished

SUTTON £800pcm

A modern four bedroom detached house with a garage and driveway parking and gardens to three sides of the property, situated on a corner plot in this popular well served village.

Available Immediately - Unfurnished - Restrictions

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An older style thre bedroom semi detached house conveniently locatated for the Railway Station, Riverside Marina & The Kings School.

Available Immediately - Unfurnished

ELY £1,250pcm

A five bedroom detached house with integral double garage, offering well planned accommodation located south of the City of Ely and giving easy access to the A10.

Available Beg. March - Unfurnished

ELY £580pcm

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This detatched property boasts four bedrooms, family room, conservatory, garage and extensive gardens.

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Classy!

A two bedroom semi detached cottage with a vibrant kitchen, fully enclosed garden and parking for three cars.

Sutton £142,500
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The detached bungalow offers a lounge/diner, kitchen/breakfast room, two bedrooms, single garage and driveway.

Mepal £195,000
LIKE THIS? CALL TODAY Ref: 7573

Great Garden!

A spacious semi detached three bedroom house has a fully enclosed rear garden measuring 160' (STMS).

Little Thetford £195,000
COME SEE THE GARDEN! Ref: 7644

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This victorian property has two bedrooms, a long and spacious kitchen with a fully enclosed rear garden.

Littleport OIEO: £142,500
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Devine Living!

This extremely spacious three bedroom detached home is in a non-estate location with front and rear gardens.

Soham £239,950
EARLY VIEWINGS IS A MUST! Ref: 7634

Stunning!

With 4 bedrooms and a double garage this semi-detached property is great in size and of a high standard.

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This semi detatched home boasts a lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and a single garage.

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Five Star!

This proud detached three storey home boasts five bedrooms with two ensuites, spacious garden and a single garage.

Soham £275,000

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Cul-De-Sac

This four bedroom detatched house includes four bedrooms, lounge, dining room, utility room, single garage and garden.

Soham OIEO - £225,000

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Sought after location, three bed detached house, ensuite to master bedroom,downstairs cloakroom, garage, gardens, viewing highly recommended.

£220,000

Manea

Semi-rural location with views across open farmland comprising three bedrooms, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room and generous grounds.

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Littleport

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£264,995

Wimblington

Four bedroom detached bungalow situated in a non-estate position in a village location. Two reception rooms, en-suite to master, double garage.

Offers Over £275,000

March

Swimming pool, three receptions, master bedroom with en-suite and balcony overlooking garden and fields, double garage and is chain free.

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Welney

Modern detached bungalow comprising three receptions, kitchen/breakfast room, five double bedrooms, en-suite, double garage, workshop.

Offers Over £300,000

Chatteris

Detached six bedroom family home offering two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom.

Offers Over £300,000

Little Downham

Detached five bedroom bungalow offering en-suite to master, two reception rooms, utility room, conservatory, double garage, workshop and gardens.

O.I.E.O £350,000

Witchford

Semi-retired/retired park home offering views across fields with sitting/dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, study/hobby room, shower room.

Offers Over £70,000

Chatteris

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O/A £225,000

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COVENEY
O/A £489,000

This 4 bedroom detached Grade II listed cottage stands in delightful gardens of about 1/2 an acre (STS) and comprises: reception hall, cloakroom, sitting room, family room, dining room, office/study, utility room, kitchen/breakfast room, en suite shower room to master bedroom, shower room, oil fired central heating, double glazing and double garage with self contained office/studio.

LITTLEPORT
O/A £159,950

A spacious well presented modern semi detached house, situated on this popular development. The accommodation comprises: entrance hall, cloakroom, fitted kitchen/breakfast room, lounge/dining area, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, bathroom, gas fired radiator central heating and double glazing. Whilst outside is a garage, driveway parking and rear garden.

STRETHAM
O/A £139,995

Standing on a good size plot at the entrance to a cul de sac this older style semi detached house, which lends itself to updating and further improvement comprises: kitchen, lounge/dining area, lobby, WC, store and wash house, 3 bedrooms, shower room, double glazing and partial electric heating. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

SOUTHERY
O/A £72,500

A large building plot situated about half a mile from the village centre with Planning Permission for the construction of a 4 bedroom detached dwelling and garage, following the demolition of a pair of derelict semi detached dwellings and associated outbuildings. At the rear of the plot are views over fields.

LITTLEPORT
O/A £227,000

This detached ex showhome offers spacious accommodation and is situated within walking distance to the primary school, on a popular development. The accommodation comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, utility room, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, 4 bedrooms, en suite to master and family bathroom. uPVC double glazing, gas central heating, rear garden, garage and driveway parking.

LITTLEPORT
O/A £144,950

A popular style linked semi detached house situated in this popular residential location towards the edge of the village giving easy access to the A10, Ely and Cambridge. The accommodation comprises: lounge, kitchen/dining area, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, gas fired central heating , gardens and single garage.

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Superbly presented 2 bedroom flat in a central location in the well served market Town of Littleport offering local facilities & mainline rail station
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A two bedroom first floor flat located in the centre of this well served village offering many local shops & facilities on the doorstep
- Available 12/03/2012 tbc
- Unfurnished
- Deposit £825

Littleport £550

Newly refurbished 2 bedroom first floor flat located in the centre of the Town & offering mainline rail station on Kings Cross/Kings Lynn line
- Available 01/04/2012
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NEW

Ely £550

Well presented, deceptively spacious 1 bedroom maisonette forming part of a Victorian detached house. Located just a stones throw from the main City centre
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NEW

Sutton £575

An outstanding, extremely large, contemporary 1 bedroom coach house style flat located on this popular development in the village of Sutton
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Coveney £625

Detached bungalow newly decorated to a high standard located in the popular village of Coveney boasting stunning views over open countryside
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- Deposit £940

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March £625

Well presented 3 bedroom end terrace cottage with some delightful features overlooking the river and situated in the market town of March
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- Deposit £950

Haddenham £650

Delightful 2 bedroom bungalow presented to the highest of standards located in a quiet cul de sac in this sought after village
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Littleport £695

A fantastic opportunity to rent a spacious 3 bedroom family home. Located just a short walk from shops & mainline rail station
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- Unfurnished
- Deposit £1050

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Littleport £750

Deceptively spacious three bedroom semi-detached house located just a short walk from the Town centre.
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- Unfurnished
- Deposit £1125

Ely £850

A well presented 3 bedroom home located within a ten minute walk of Ely City centre and offering excellent road and rail links to Cambridge and London
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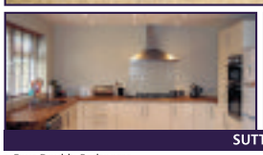

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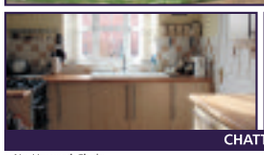

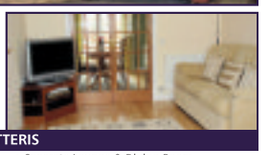

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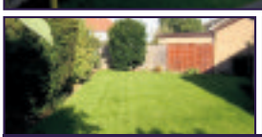

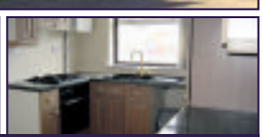

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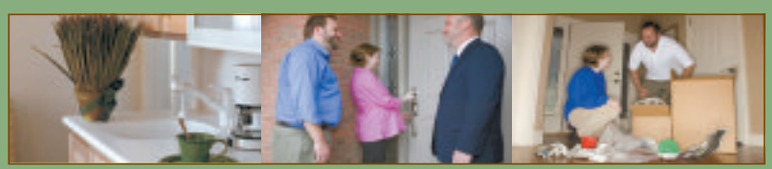

1 **Moving home can be a complicated business and, in the hectic run to the big day, it is all too easy to forget something vital. The Property News offers their readers this handy checklist that should help avoid major pitfalls. We suggest you tick off the items as you deal with them...**

WITH FOUR WEEKS TO GO:

- ☐ Get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ☐ Check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ☐ Make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move.
- ☐ Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ☐ Notify British Telecom and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone facilities at your new home.
- ☐ Arrange for change of address cards to be printed.

WITH TWO WEEKS TO GO:

- ☐ Confirm all arrangements, times etc, for meter readings, disconnections and reconnections, with authorities and with your buyer and seller.
- ☐ Make sure you have a good stock of packing materials, including sturdy boxes and plenty of string and sticky tape.
- ☐ Begin to throw out unwanted items from attics, wardrobes. What you really don't want you may as well dump now, or send to charity. It's a great time for a good sort out!

WITH ONE WEEK TO GO:

- ☐ Send off change of address cards.
- ☐ Arrange and pay for automatic redirection of your mail by the Post Office.
- ☐ Cancel and pay up accounts for routine delivery services such as milk, groceries, fuel and your Cambridge Evening News. Re-organise these deliveries for your new address.
- ☐ Defrost refrigerators in preparation for move and, if you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.

WITH ONE DAY TO GO:

- ☐ Complete your packing except for those items you are likely to need overnight, and prepare a picnic for moving day.
- ☐ Have a large enough cash 'float' available to deal with unexpected expenses, and make sure you have collected documents and valuables together in a safe place.
- ☐ Cover carpets which are being left behind, so as to minimise damage during furniture removal.
- ☐ Check through previous lists to make sure nothing has been overlooked, then enjoy a worry-free early night!

2 ON MOVING DAY:

- ☐ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ☐ Pack items for washing/toiletries.
- ☐ Take down curtains.
- ☐ Take up rugs, carpets, floor coverings, as required.
- ☐ Dismantle any light fittings etc., not included in the sale.
- ☐ Turn off electric appliances.
- ☐ Disconnect cooker.
- ☐ Turn off boiler/central heating.
- ☐ Turn off water.
- ☐ Read gas meter.
- ☐ Read electricity meter.
- ☐ Secure all windows.
- ☐ Lock all doors.
- ☐ Leave key as arranged with new owners.
- ☐ On arrival at your new home, unpack slowly and methodically so that you can check for loss or damage.

3 EXTRA HINTS FOR A SMOOTH MOVE...

WHO TO NOTIFY:

- ☐ Banks.
- ☐ Building Societies.
- ☐ Credit companies.
- ☐ Insurance companies.
- ☐ Gas, Electricity and Water Boards.
- ☐ Telephone company.
- ☐ Local Authority (Rating Department).
- ☐ Driving Licence authorities.
- ☐ Inland Revenue.
- ☐ Store cards and accounts.
- ☐ Other lease, hire or rental companies.
- ☐ Employer.
- ☐ Doctor.
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The Chevrolet Volt: Kickstarting a new era from the Cambridge dealership

Revolutionary Volt charges in

Chevrolet order banks open

ORDER banks are now open for the revolutionary Chevrolet Volt at Cambridge Chevrolet – the car that takes the range anxiety out of electric motoring.

Thanks to its mould-breaking E-REV technology (Extended Range Electric Vehicle) the Volt will never leave its driver stranded, unlike some other electric cars that will only travel a finite distance between charges.

This is thanks to an onboard petrol generator, which sustains battery power when the range is depleted so that the car can still be driven, with the wheels powered by its electric motor until it can be recharged.

Luke Gordon, franchise manager at Cambridge Chevrolet, commented: "We're really excited to be introducing such an important car to the area, Cambridge is geared toward the environment and new technology, and I for one cannot wait to see the Volt about the city."

The final UK specification of the Volt has also been announced, to include such premium features as heated leather seats, Bluetooth with voice recognition and embedded phone, electronic keyless ignition with touch button start, 17-inch alloy wheels, ambient LED-based interior lighting, solar absorbing glass, DAB Digital Radio and an energy-efficient six-speaker stereo system that uses minimal electricity to operate.

Other specification highlights include fully programmable door locking, cruise control, aircon, a 7-inch LCD screen with Driver Information Centre, touch-sensitive controls on the centre console, a pedestrian alert system, rear camera and front and rear park assist and a leather-wrapped steering wheel.

Only one trim level will be available, priced at £29,995 after the UK government's Low Carbon Vehicle grant (£34,995 pre-grant).

Options include a premium audio system featuring sat-nav, DVD-ROM and MP3 playback facility, seven energy-efficient BOSE speakers with sub-woofer, voice recognition and a hard drive with 30Gb of music storage priced at £1,745, 17-inch polished alloy wheels at £490 and a range of special/metallic paint options from £495.

As the first car in the world to feature E-REV technology, the Volt has already picked up several awards, including North American Car of the Year, Green Car of the Year, Motor Trend Car of the Year 2011 and 2011 World Green Car.

Initially, the car will be available through two dedicated Volt centres – as well as Cambridge Chevrolet, the Volt will be available at Phoenix Chevrolet in Wimbledon, south-west London.

For further information, contact Cambridge Chevrolet on (01223) 873673 or go to *www.cambridgechevrolet.co.uk*.

Female writers to pick 'Car of 2012'

WOMEN motoring writers from around the world have started the voting process to nominate the Women's World Car of the Year for 2012.

The judges from 11 countries first submitted their own personal short list and more than 300 cars were suggested. These individual choices were then whittled down to form a master list of 32 in terms of popularity. Judges will now allocate points for these cars from a criteria list.

There are four categories in the Women's World Car of the Year – Family Car, Luxury Car, Sports Car and Economy Car. Points are allocated to each of 10 criteria. Unusual in car awards worldwide is that one of those is for child friendliness yet statistics show that women drive children in cars significantly more often than men.

This year has seen an increase in the number of judges voting. Women motoring writers from Argentina, China and Japan have been added to the voting panel while other judges from Australia and New Zealand have joined home colleagues on the jury panel.

The 20 women judges will send their secret-ballot votes to international auditors and accountants, Grant Thornton, at their Auckland, New Zealand, office and responses will be collated to produce the final awards list. The car with the most points in each category wins that category and the vehicle receiving the most votes overall in any category will win the Women's World Car of the Year for 2012 supreme award.

The announcement of the winning cars in each category and the supreme winner will be made before the end of March. The supreme award trophy and category certificates will be presented to the car companies concerned at the Mondial de l'Automobile 2012 – the Paris Motor Show – in September. The supreme trophy will this year be made in The Netherlands. Category-winner certificates will be designed at Peartree Studios in Colerne, UK.

Voting is currently taking place.

FAMILY CAR: Ford Focus, Audi Q3, Kia Optima, Subaru XV, Mercedes-Benz B-Class, BMW X1, Mazda CX5.

LUXURY CAR: Range Rover Evoque, Mercedes-Benz C-Class, Audi A6, Bentley Continental, Audi A7, BMW 6 Series, BMW 3 Series, Peugeot 508, Jaguar XJ.

SPORTS CAR: Porsche 911–991, Jaguar XKR, Audi RS5, Renault Mégane III, Ferrari FF Ferrari 458 Spider, BMW Series 1 M, VW Golf R, Lamborghini Aventado, Mercedes-Benz SLK, Mercedes-Benz CLS AMG.

ECONOMY CAR: VW up!, Kia Rio, Kia Picanto, Honda CRZ, Honda Civic, Mazda 3 Skyactiv, Ford Fiesta Econetic, Hyundai Accent Diesel.

NEW DIRECTION: The Land Rover Evoque convertible. Below, drop-down tailgate allows seating for four

Evoque convertible is bold direction change

IN a bold change of direction Land Rover is set to unveil a concept convertible Evoque at the 2012 Geneva Motor Show.

The recently-launched Evoque has already been a hit with customers as the Halewood factory is struggling to meet demand, and judging by this latest offering the waiting list could grow still further.

Although only a concept, it is designed to gauge public reaction with a view to potential production, and given the Evoque has won fans with its style-conscious approach it seems highly likely that the response will be favourable.

The convertible concept is based on the Evoque coupe, and retains seating for four as well as the signature drop-down tailgate.

An automatic roll-over protection system allows the convertible Evoque to have a clean waistline without unsightly roll bars, and Land Rover says it has all the same off-road capability of the regular car thanks to the Terrain Response system.

The concept features unique 21-inch wheels and a new body colour which may become available on Land Rover's regular Evoque models.

A production version might not appear until the end of 2012, but expect to pay a four-figure premium over a regular coupe Evoque.

SL63 AMG is built to amaze

POWER of up to 556bhp, torque of up to a frankly ridiculous 664lb ft and fuel economy of 28.5mpg are some of the amazing numbers surrounding the newly announced Mercedes SL63 AMG.

As if that wasn't quite enough, 0-62mph is covered in as little as 4.2 seconds, the whole car is 125kg lighter than the old model and if it wasn't for the 155mph speed limiter, top speed would most likely be in the region of 200mph.

The SL (Sports Lightweight) has been getting rather heavy in recent years, so to increase both performance and fuel economy a huge chunk of weight has been cut out.

The bodyshell is all-aluminium, just like the SLS AMG's. That alone saves 110kg versus the previous model.

A remarkable balance of efficiency and performance has been achieved as a result. The 5.5-litre turbocharged V8 is the same as seen in other Mercedes cars over the last couple of years, but tuned for even more torque – more, in fact, than any other past or present car in this sector.

All the luxury equipment buyers expect will still be present and correct, including two (regrettably optional) high-quality branded stereo systems from Harman Kardon and Bang & Olufsen.

Mercedes is staying tight-lipped on list price, but it's expected to be about £110,000 before options.

Drivers 'switch off after 11 minutes'

MOTORISTS on long journeys drive for just 11 minutes before mentally switching off, according to a survey.

Some have driven to their office rather than their desired destination after going into "autopilot", the poll by esure car insurance found.

Of the 1,003 motorists surveyed, 25 per cent admitted they got easily bored while driving, with 22 per cent regularly going into autopilot.

As many as 34 per cent had made a journey and had no recollection of it upon arrival.

Also, 32 per cent said they changed the radio station or checked their phone to keep their mind stimulated on car trips.

Main reasons given for going into autopilot mode were sleepiness and thinking about work.

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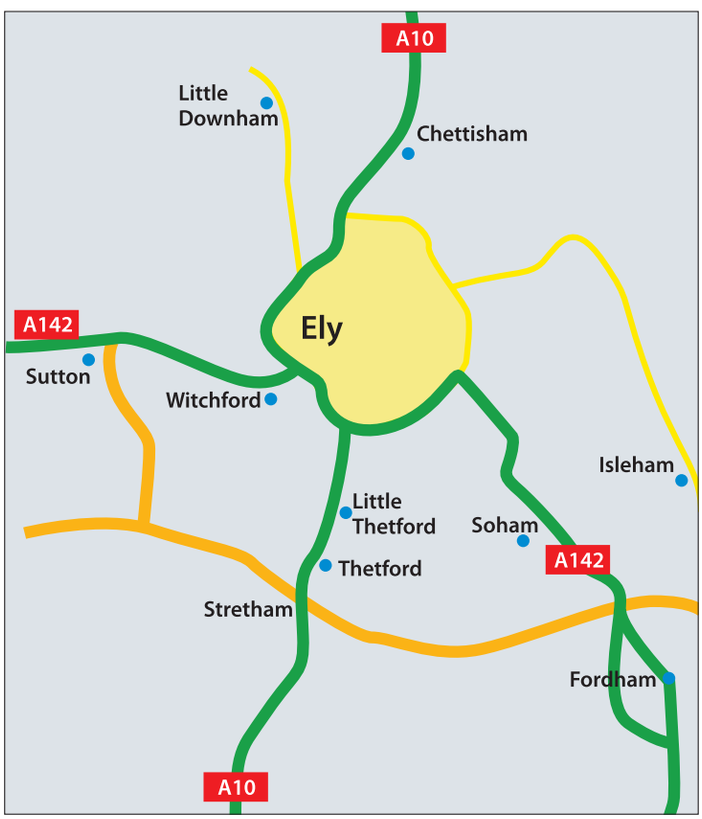

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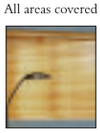

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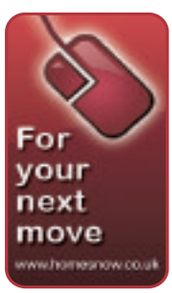

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» Cross-country

Craig on glory path

ELY Runners member Craig Holgate was triumphant when he ran the Thames Path 100-mile Race, organised by Centurion AC, at the weekend.

The race followed the Thames Path National Trail from Richmond to Oxford, with 13 aid stations each with their own cut-off times. The route was 75 per cent off-road with the rest on concrete pathways. Holgate moved through the third checkpoint at 28 miles quicker than anyone else, but eased back expecting the rest to catch up, but they did not.

At the fourth checkpoint, he was 12 minutes up and decided to relax and run.

He ran 72 miles by himself after making a pre-race decision not to use a pacer from Henley. During those miles, he suffered stomach cramps, fell over thee times, and ran 50 miles into the wind and rain.

The race was actually 102 miles, but he held on to win in 15hr 11min – around an hour ahead of his nearest rival and with tired legs, big toes blistered and glad that, after five and half months of preparation, it was over.

» Athletics

Hallissey in hot pursuit of her Olympics dream

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year's London Marathon, with an eye on reaching the world championships, but injury thwarted her.

Having given up so much time to running, Hallissey's next race became the Chicago Marathon last October, and she set herself the target of the Olympics qualifying standard of 2hr 31sec.

"I was there on the start line and thought that's the time I have to go for to make it all worthwhile," she said. "I thought it would be more 2.32/2.33, and I had said to myself that as long as it was quicker than New York I would be very satisfied."

But she bettered those expectations, finishing in 2hr 29min 27sec, so it now becomes a race-off at the London Marathon.

Paula Radcliffe and Mara Yamauchi have already earned two of the three spots for the Olympics, and Jo Pavey has a time of 2hr 28min 24sec, but she will not be running on April 22.

So Hallissey will join Louise Damen, Liz Yelling and Freya Murray in chasing that target.

"It's going to be a race-off between the rest of us, and we have Jo's time in mind and we have to beat that," she said.

"I think it will be a great race and completely different to the other marathons I have done. In previous races, I have gone in aware of what I can do and conservatively, whereas this one I have to beat the people around me and not start off too quickly.

"I have to go around quicker than Jo, so that will help set my target, my pace. I'm looking forward to it and slightly nervous as well."

It seems staggering that after only two marathons, Hallissey stands on the brink of the Olympics, but she plays it down.

"It's not as unusual as it might seem," she said. "The thing with marathon running is that you only have a couple of marathons in you."

» Hockey

Five-goal Ely keep top spot

TOP-OF-THE-TABLE Ely City travelled to Gorleston and brought back the East Men's League, Division 2N points after a resounding 5-1 win.

Gorleston's experienced line-up thwarted Ely for most of the first half until Chris Vincett opened the scoring and Chris Purllant made it 2-0.

Looking to build on their lead, Ely came out for the second half, but allowed the hosts to tap in a goal. This stirred Ely into action, with Vincett scoring and Purllant adding a fourth.

Jack Upton ended the scoring after good work by brother Freddie, who was man of the match.

» Youth football

Littleport suffer setback as cup final rivals end their fine record

A COMBINATION of poor defending, bad luck and the conditions saw Littleport Town suffer their first Cambridge & District Colts League, Division 13A defeat of the season at the hands of this weekend's Tesco Cup final opponents Chesterton Eagles.

After going 3-0 down, Port came back into the game with a Luke Mansfield strike just before the half-time break.

Luke Mantell then put Port right back in the game before they were caught on the break as Chesterton made it 4-2.

■ Haddenham Rovers continued their five-game unbeaten run with an extremely hard-fought 1-1 draw against Godmanchester Rovers, also in Division 13A.

Godmanchester took the lead two minutes before half time, but Jake Alsop headed the equaliser just after the break.

■ Ben Tomkins led the way with four goals as Witchford Colts beat Stretham Sporting 11-1 in Division 12B.

Matthew Allum notched up a hat-trick and there were goals for Jordan Emms (2), Rory Kemp and Max Loker.

■ Mepal Sports triumphed 5-1 at Bottisham in Division 11E of the Cambs Mini League.

Luke Merry gave Mepal a 1-0 half-time lead and the same player made it 2-0 after the break.

Goals then followed from Rhys Murfitt and Ben Harnwell to extend the lead, before Bottisham got on the scoresheet.

A Bottisham own goal completed the scoring.

■ Witchford Whites continued their fine run of form with a 3-0 victory at Ely Crusaders in Division 10C.

Callum Francis, Archie Smith and Sam Cooper bagged the all-important goals.

■ Goalkeeper Dechlan Linney was Littleport Rangers' hero in their 2-2 draw with Manea Strikers, also in Division 10C.

Adam Tucker bagged both Rangers' goals.

■ In Division 9C, Witchford Whites were 5-3 winners at Burwell Swallows.

Witchford established a 3-0 lead through Charlie Jones, JJ Morris and Oliver Ward before Burwell netted twice.

Ward went on to complete his hat-trick as Witchford moved back into a three-goal lead before Swallows hit back.

■ Littleport Rangers continued their fine season with a 5-4 win over Haddenham Rovers in also Division 9C.

Rovers took an early lead, but Rangers hit back with goals from Harvey Brown, Harry Myles, Jack Berry and Alec Burgess. Rovers fought back, but Brown's second made the game safe.

» Kickboxing

Wright makes his bid for title

ALEX Wright will be battling it out for the Five Counties kickboxing crown.

The East Anglia Area champion will be in action on East Anglia Kickboxing & Boxing Club's Big Fight Live show at Littleport Leisure Centre on Saturday.

He will be joined on the bill by Jordan Pendle, who will be going for the area schoolboy champion belt, and unbeaten Tanya Leonard, who has an English women's area title at stake. Admission on the door is £10 for adults and £5 for under-16s. First bout 7pm.

» Sports round-up

Silverware: Ellen Falkner, centre, with award-winning students at the Witchford Village College Sports Awards. CP

Bowls star Ellen does honours at awards evening

WITCHFORD Village College held its annual sports awards evening to celebrate students' sporting prowess and achievements.

City of Ely Indoor Bowls Club's Commonwealth gold medallist Ellen Falkner presented the awards.

Carla Penny and Jack Loveday were named as Key Stage 3 sports girl and boy of the Year, and Hannah Dewey and Lewis Woollard were awarded the Key Stage 4 awards.

Students were commended for high levels of success, commitment, dedication and leadership, as well as the promotion of their sports within the college and the wider community.

The event was organised by college vice principal Ann-Marie Latham and supported by the PE staff.

College principal David Taylor said: "It was fantastic to see so many outstanding young people who have not just achieved great success in their sport, but have often also made a huge commitment to helping other young people improve their performance."

■ KICKBOXING: Michael Poole, an 11-year-old pupil at King's Ely Junior School, won a silver medal at the World Karate and Kickboxing Council English National Championships. On the strength of his performance he has been invited to compete in the WKC England team in the World Championships in Montreal in October.

■ RUGBY UNION: Ely under-11s travelled to a three-club tournament at St Neots. Their first match was against Huntingdon, which they won 31-0 thanks to tries by Matthew Melloy (2), Ben Gamble, Ben Storey and Luke Barber, with Melloy adding two conversions and Harry Grey one.

A good team effort then saw Ely run out 21-7 winners over St Neots with tries from Storey (2) and Melloy, who also added the three conversions.

The player-of the-week award was shared by Gamble and David Walsh.

■ CRICKET: Chatteris CC have started indoor nets at the Cromwell Village College sports hall on Wednesdays (6-7.30pm). New players are welcome.

■ KORFBALL: Littleport Lions are launching a new initiative aimed at getting people to try korfball for the first time. It is offering free training to beginners from March 13 until the end of April every Tuesday, 8.30-10pm at Littleport Leisure Centre.

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Bowls star Ellen presents sports awards

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» Boxing

Tyler back on course

TYLER Goodjohn felt back to his best as he returned to winning ways with a 40-37 points victory over welterweight Jegoras Michaliovas at the weekend.

The Wentworth fighter came out on top against the Lithuanian in the four-rounder at London's York Hall as he put his first defeat at the hands of Vinny Woolford last November behind him.

And Goodjohn, who was pleased with the way he adapted on finding out his opponent was a southpaw, is now looking forward to a rematch with Woolford at York Hall on May 6.

"It went really well," said Goodjohn. "I didn't know much about him and he was a tall southpaw. He was a bit awkward for the first round, but then I was pretty comfortable.

"I had to use my head a bit, and I thought I boxed quite well.

Good show: Tyler Goodjohn, who returned to winning ways at the weekend.

It was nice to get back in the ring and to get another win.

"All of his fights had been in Lithuania and I hadn't been able to find anything on the internet about him being a southpaw, so everything I'd been doing in the pads and in the dressing room had been for an orthodox fighter.

"I had to think on my feet, so I was pleased I did that and it was a good experience.

"He was quite durable, but that's what I was expecting from a Lithuanian fighter.

"Take nothing away from him, he'd had a lot of fights as a kick-boxer and he was waiting to counter me. I worked my way in, and I think I could have stopped him in the third or fourth round if I'd put my foot on the gas."

Goodjohn had been suffering with stomach problems in the lead-up to his defeat by Woolford last time out, as well as struggling with low blood-sugar levels.

But working with Ricky Hatton's nutritionist Kerry Kayes got him back in shape.

"I'd felt really good the whole week leading up to it," said Goodjohn. "The diet's given me much more energy and I felt I was punching really hard, which I wasn't really doing in the fight before.

"It was good all round. This win's given me the confidence back. I'll have a week off and then get back into training to try to beat him (Woolford)."

» Athletics: Spotlight on a London Games hopeful

Games vision: Marathon runner Claire Hallissey.
Picture: Richard Patterson SPO 808290

Plotting an Olympics route via Grunty Fen

WHEN Claire Hallissey was second in Ely's New Year's Eve 10km, it is possible that her competitors did not realise the pedigree of the athlete in their midst.

The Frostbite League, Grunty Fen Half-Marathon and Cambridge parkrun have all been graced by the strides of Hallissey.

But at the time maybe it was not known that those races would be en route to the London Olympics.

Hallissey is chasing the third and final place in the Great Britain marathon team for this summer's Games, and will be going all out to get it on April 22 in the London Marathon.

Originally from Watford, the 28-year-old endurance runner came to the area in 2001 to study biochemistry at Robinson College, and her parents followed, moving to live in Ely.

She was a member of Cambridge University's Hare and Hounds Cross-Country Club, captaining them in the third year, and after completing her undergraduate degree in 2005 she joined Ely Runners.

But it was in the West Country that she started putting in the longer distances, which in turn led to an international call-up – for Great Britain in the 10,000m European Cup in Madeira in 2009.

"It wasn't until I went to Bristol to do a PhD that I stepped up my training and mileage to focus on my 10km and half-marathons, and my time shot down," she said. "It wasn't until then that I thought I might sneak on to an international fixture. It's a dream of any athlete to compete for their country, but you think it is a bit of a dream.

"I always thought my first chance at an international vest would be an England one, not a British one, and I thought it would be on the road, not the track."

Hallissey now lives in Virginia after her husband got a job there, and it was when she went out to the States that her focus shifted to marathons.

"My mileage was creeping up all the time while I was at Bristol," she said. "Once I decided I would step up to a marathon, my mileage went up again.

"I decided to take a year or so to focus on my running and see where I could get with it. It seemed to be the right time."

Her first time over 26 miles was the New York City Marathon in November, 2010.

"It was amazing and such a great experience," she said. "I wanted to get under 2hr 40min, and when I came around in 2hr 36min I was delighted.

"I wanted to jump around and be excited by it, but when I tried I realised my legs couldn't do it."

Hallissey's initial plans were to run last

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» Football: News from the Greens and Robins

Lawrence and Gammon keep Robins flying high

Ely City 2
Gt Yarmouth Tn 0
RIDGEONS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

ELY had the top of the table in their sights after a comfortable win over bottom club Great Yarmouth at the Unwin Ground on Saturday.

After creating numerous chances and winning countless corners, it was from one of the set-pieces that Luke Parkinson's inswinging delivery was met by the boot of Ben Lawrence to make it 1-0 at half time.

They doubled their lead in the second half when Dave Wilson's perseverance saw him get in behind the defence

On target: Ben Lawrence, who netted for Ely City.

before laying the ball back to Richard Gammon to finish.

Robins' boss Alan Alsop said: "It was an average performance and we did what we needed to do.

"Everybody expected us to beat them, and it's one of those games where you are on a hiding to nothing really."

With Wroxham and Brantham without a game in midweek, a win for Ely at lowly Newmarket last night (Wednesday) would have sent them to the top.

Meanwhile, the Robins are due to return to league action on Saturday with a trip to take on Hadleigh United, kick-off 3pm.

Then, on Tuesday, comes a crucial clash with fellow high-fliers Wroxham at the Unwin Ground (7.45pm).

Jones gives Greens lift

Soham Tn Rgrs 3 Grays Ath 2
RYMAN LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE NORTH

SUBSTITUTE Paul Jones stepped off the bench at Julius Martin Lane on Saturday to secure Soham's second victory in a week to ease their relegation concerns.

Promotion-chasing Grays had taken the lead in the 20th minute, but 15 minutes into the second half had a player dismissed for an alleged headbutt.

Soham equalised with a scrambled effort from close range by Michael Simpson and they then went ahead through a half-volley from the edge of the box by Scott Carter.

Jones' effort proved decisive as the substitute picked up the ball in the 80th minute to fire in from 30 yards.

There was still time for Grays to pull one back, but Soham defended stoutly for the last eight minutes to earn another win after their cup victory over Wisbech in midweek.

Player-manager Andy Furnell said: "It was a great result. Grays are a decent side and have been near the top of the table all season.

"We managed to get through to half time only conceding one goal.

"The last eight minutes were a bit hairy as they threw everything at us, but we managed to hold on. We made it more difficult than it should have been."

He added: "It was nice to get the win over them and it was quite satisfying in the end."

The Greens, who were due to have a mid-week match at Tilbury, return to league action on Saturday with a trip to fellow strugglers Cheshunt, kick-off 3pm.

Then, on Tuesday, they face a tough task when high-flying Enfield Town visit Julius Martin Lane (7.45pm).

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